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**HOUGHTON  
BARAGA  
AND  
MARQUETTE  
COUNTIES**



**MICHIGAN**















# BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD

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**This Volume Contains**

**Biographical Sketches**

**OF**

**Leading Citizens**

**OF**

**Houghton, Baraga and Marquette  
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## PREFACE.

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Having brought to a successful termination our labors in Houghton, Baraga and Marquette Counties in compiling and editing the sketches herein contained, we desire, in presenting this Biographical Record to our patrons, to make a few remarks, necessarily brief, in regard to the value and importance of local works of this nature. We agree with Ralph Waldo Emerson that "Biography is the only true History," and also are of the opinion that a collection of the biographies of the leading men of a nation would give a more interesting, as well as authentic, history of their country than any other that could be written. The value of such a production as this cannot be too highly estimated. With each succeeding year the haze of Obscurity removes more and more from our view the fast disappearing landmarks of the past. Oblivion sprinkles her dust of forgetfulness on men and their deeds, effectually concealing them from the public eye, and because of the many living objects that claim our attention, few of those who have been removed from the busy world remain long in our memory. Even the glorious achievements of the present age may not insure it from being lost in the glare of greater things to come, and so it is manifestly a duty to posterity for the men of the present time to preserve a record of their lives and a story of their progress from low and humble beginnings to great and noble deeds, in order that future generations may read the account of their successful struggles, and profit by their example. A local history affords the best means of preserving ancestral history, and it also becomes, immediately upon its publication, a ready book of reference for those who have occasion to seek biographical data of the leading and early settled families. Names, dates and events are not easily remembered by the average man, so it behooves the generations now living, who wish to live in the memory of their descendants, to write their own records, making them full and broad in scope, and minute in detail, and insure their preservation by having them put in printed form. We firmly believe that in these collated memoirs will be found as faithful a record of the industrial development that has taken place in this section of the Northern Peninsula of Michigan as may be obtained anywhere, for the very sufficient

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reason that its growth and development are identified with that of the men who have made it what it is today—the representative, leading men, whose personal sketches it has been a pleasure to us to write and give a place in this volume. From the time when the hand of civilized man had not delved into the bowels of the earth for the vast stores of copper and iron, nor with the ever-ready frontiersman's ax felled the noble, almost limitless forests, to the present period of activity in all branches of industry, we may read in the history of this district's leading men and of their ancestors the wonderful growth and development that has been going on here for little more than half a century, but which bids fair to continue for centuries to come. A hundred years from now whatever records of the present time are then extant, having withstood the ravages of time and the ceaseless war of the elements, will be viewed, with an absorbing interest, equaling, if not surpassing, that which is taken to-day in the history of the early settlements of America.

It has been our purpose in the preparation of this work to pass over no phase or portion of it slightly, but to give attention to the smallest points, and thus invest it with an air of accuracy, to be obtained in no other way. The result has amply justified the care that has been taken, for it is our honest belief that no more reliable production, under the circumstances, could have been compiled.

One feature of this work, to which we have given special prominence, and which we are sure will prove of extraordinary interest, is the collection of portraits of the representative and leading citizens which appear throughout the volume. We have tried to represent the different spheres of industrial and professional activity as well as we might. To those who have been so uniformly obliging and have kindly interested themselves in the success of this work, volunteering information and data which have been very helpful to us in preparing this volume, we desire to express our grateful and profound acknowledgment of their valued services.

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—————NOTE—————

All the biographical sketches published in this volume were submitted to their respective subjects or to the subscribers, for whom the facts were primarily obtained, for their approval or correction before going to press; and a reasonable time was allowed in each case for the return of the typewritten copies. Most of them were returned to us within the time allotted, or before the work was printed, after being corrected or revised; and these may therefore be regarded as reasonably accurate.

A few, however, was not returned to us; and, as we have no means of knowing whether they contain errors or not, we cannot vouch for their accuracy. In justice to our readers, and to render this work more valuable for reference purposes, we have indicated these uncorrected sketches by a small asterisk (\*), placed immediately after the name of the subject. They will all be found on the last pages of the book.

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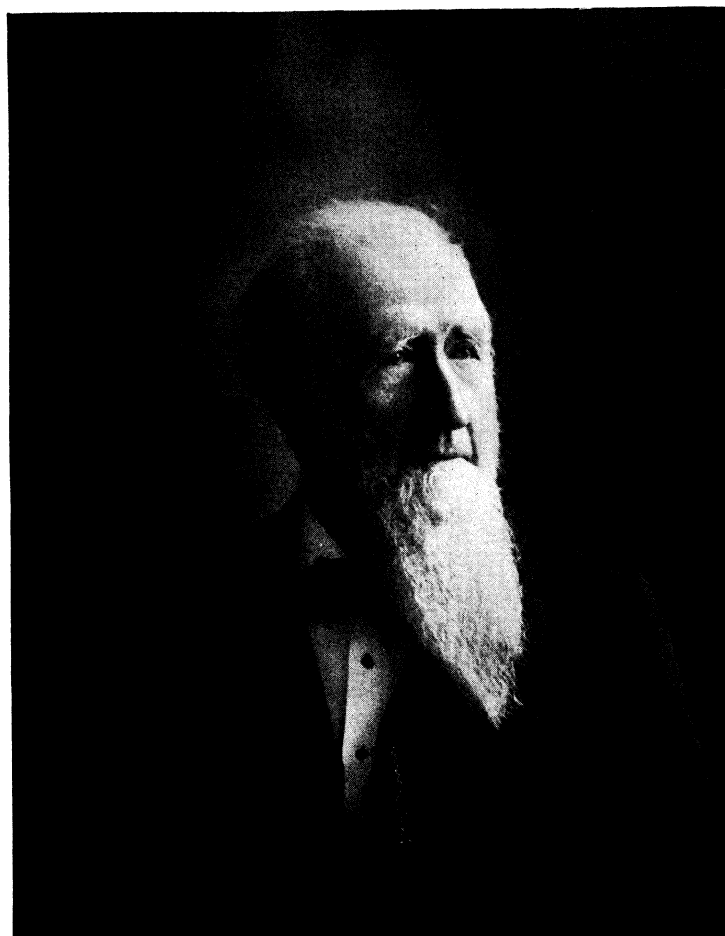
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JOHN SENTER.

# Biographical Record

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## HOUGHTON, BARAGA AND MARQUETTE COUNTIES

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### JOHN SENTER.

JOHN SENTER, the third oldest of the pioneers of the copper region along the southern shore of Lake Superior, now living, was born at Peterboro, New Hampshire, December 15, 1823, thus being, as might be said, almost a twin of the famous "Monroe Doctrine," which was presented to the world that year. Mr. Senter, whose portrait is herewith shown, is now an honored resident of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan.

John Senter was reared and educated in his native town, which was a manufacturing place some sixty miles from Boston. In 1842 he came west to work in the office of Surveyor General of Iowa and Wisconsin, Gen. James Wilson. General Wilson, who was a relation of our subject, was an attorney-at-law, and at one time was a member of the United States Congress from New Hampshire. Mr. Senter acted as clerk in the Surveyor General's office from 1842 to 1845, making his home for the greater part of the time at Dubuque, Iowa. During the three years that he held this position he traveled much over Iowa and Wisconsin, visiting Iowa City, Iowa, in 1844, Iowa Falls and other places in that new country. In the fall of 1845, he returned to New Hampshire and spent the winter at the home of General Wilson. In the summer of 1846, he and General Wilson returned to Iowa, where they stayed a short time. General Wilson had become interested, as a

director, in the Lake Superior Copper Company, the pioneer company of the copper district, which was then operated under the superintendency of Martin Coryell, of Pennsylvania. In the summer of 1846, leaving Iowa, General Wilson and Mr. Senter came to the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, locating at Eagle River, in the copper district. They came on the first trip of the second steamer—the side-wheeler “Julia Palmer”—that floated on Lake Superior. The first steamer, a propeller, had made one trip in 1845, reaching La Point on November 1st. In 1846, the year that Mr. Senter came to this region, General Wilson secured a lease in what was then a part of Houghton County, now included in Keweenaw County, Michigan, and our subject made his home there, at Eagle River, for a period of forty years. In addition to working in the Lake Superior Copper Company’s office, Mr. Senter did some surveying and engineering in the neighborhood that season. Later in the year he was sent for by General Wilson, and as it was impossible to return to New Hampshire, in the spring of 1847 he went through to Dubuque, Iowa, returning to Eagle River the next summer, where he engaged in trade, at the same time serving as deputy to Postmaster Coryell. On September 28, 1847, Mr. Senter was appointed postmaster and served efficiently as such until 1855, also carrying on a mercantile business in the meantime. He remembers the first steamer, the side-wheeler “Illinois,” to come through the canal, the date being July 17, 1855. After the close of navigation in the fall, the copper district was entirely cut off from the outside world, except for messengers on snow-shoes. Our subject continued in the mercantile business until 1856. In the meantime, in 1848, he had accepted the agency for E. I. DuPont, Denemour & Company, the largest powder manufacturers in the world, and at one time he had four stores in the Northern Peninsula, holding his connection with this company until about 1900. He also bought and sold some mining stock, and owns some still, as well as a large amount of real estate in Houghton and adjoining counties. He has some interesting records, and is conceded to be an authority on all matters of early history. For the past several years he has made his home in Houghton, in the eastern part of the village. He has been retired from business but three years, and despite his four score years is extremely active and in good physical health. Prior to the Civil War, he

served eight years as treasurer of Houghton County, when it also included Keweenaw, Baraga and Ontonagon counties.

Mr. Senter's wife, formerly Lizzie T. Porter, came from Ypsilanti, Michigan. They have two sons and a daughter: Albert Wilson, assistant in the assay office of the Calumet & Hecla smelting works; Henry Mortimer, who owns and conducts saw and planing mills and is interested in a coffee plantation in Colombia, South America; and Mrs. James B. Cooper, whose husband has charge of the Calumet & Hecla smelting works. Our subject was formerly a Whig, and is now a staunch Republican. He was a member of the Mining School Board until he resigned. For upwards of 40 years, Mr. Senter has been a member of Ontonagon Lodge No. 67, A. F. & A. M. He is a man of the highest character, and is highly esteemed by his large circle of acquaintances in the Northern Peninsula.

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### CHARLES A. WRIGHT.

CHARLES A. WRIGHT, one of the leading and most progressive men of Houghton County, Michigan, residing at Hancock, is president of the Superior Savings Bank of Hancock, president of the Superior Trust Company, and has been identified with many other of the leading business enterprises of the Northern Peninsula that have been foremost in the development of its resources.

The Superior Savings Bank of Hancock was organized in 1890, the first savings bank in Houghton County, and Mr. Wright was one of its most active promoters. Its officers are: Charles A. Wright, president; Jacob Baer, vice-president; and M. C. Getchell, cashier. These gentlemen, with James R. Cooper and E. L. Wright, complete the directorate. The bank has \$50,000 in capital, and a surplus of \$20,000, and it is in a very prosperous condition. It was mainly due to Mr. Wright's efforts that the Superior Trust Company was organized in 1902 under the laws of the State of Michigan. It has a capital stock of \$150,000, a surplus of \$30,000, and is one of the four trust companies in the State, being the only one in Houghton County. The officers

are the same as those of the Superior Savings Bank, and its board of directors is made up of the following prominent business men: Jacob Baer, Charles Briggs, James Chynoweth, James B. Cooper, John J. Case, John D. Cuddihy, Harry F. Fay, Albert R. Gray, Rufus R. Goodell, C. H. Hall, Lessing Karger, James MacNaughton, William A. Paine, William E. Parnall, Graham Pope, George Ruppe, Allen F. Rees, Edgar H. Towar, A. J. Scott and Charles A. Wright. This company acts as executor, administrator, receiver, assignee, guardian, trustee and fiscal agent, and takes entire charge of real and personal estates.

Mr. Wright, in 1896, organized the State Savings Bank at Laurium, Houghton County, which is being conducted on a firm financial basis. He is president of the Hancock Evening Journal Company, publishers of the *Hancock Evening Journal*, and has been identified with many of the successful industries and enterprises of the city, where he has resided for nearly thirty years, having located in Hancock in 1873. He was formerly for many years prominent in railroad circles, being general manager of the Mineral Range Railroad, and of the Hancock & Calumet Railway. In early years he was teller of the First National Bank of Hancock.

Mr. Wright was an important factor in bringing about the organization of the Copper Range Company and the construction of the Copper Range Railroad, as the following account will demonstrate. The South Range territory was known to possess great mineral value, which, taken together with the great timber resources of the section, was thought by Mr. Wright to be sufficient to warrant the construction of a railroad from Houghton to Watersmeet, Gogebic County, Michigan, a distance of about eighty miles. In the furtherance of this idea, in 1889, he invited a number of Houghton County gentlemen to attend a meeting at his office to consider the feasibility of such a project. Those in attendance were T. L. Chadbourne, James B. Sturgis, James R. Cooper, Johnson Vivian, Rufus R. Goodell, John Duncan and our subject. They expressed themselves favorably, and the result was the organization of the Northern Michigan Railroad Company,—Jay A. Hubbell, John Daniell and Edgar H. Towar joined those named above in promoting the enterprise. Each of the ten gentlemen named subscribed an equal amount and the survey of the proposed road was completed in 1890. Charles A.

Wright was chosen president of the company and James B. Sturgis, secretary and treasurer. Now came the question of the road's construction. Mr. Wright made many trips and devoted much of his time toward interesting other roads and Eastern capital, and many times was just at the point of success when some unforeseen circumstance would prevent. Any man of less energy and perseverance would have failed, but Mr. Wright kept working in his tireless fashion until the means were devised whereby the road could be constructed. About 11,500 acres of land of great possible mineral value were secured as capital, and Mr. Wright conceived the idea of organizing a mining and development company which should have as an important motive the construction of a line of railroad over a part or whole of the route surveyed by the Northern Michigan Railroad Company. The rights and charter of the latter company were purchased and in March, 1898, was organized the Copper Range Company, which owns and controls the lands above mentioned and has completed its railroad from Houghton to Range Junction, a distance of forty miles. This company was organized under the mining laws of the State, and has 100,000 shares of stock at \$20 per share, paid in. William A. Paine of Boston, Massachusetts, who was one of the first to become interested in the project and advanced much capital to aid in its furtherance, became president of the company, which owns all the stock of the Copper Range Railroad Company, by which name the new road is known. Mr. Wright was general manager of this railroad during the period of its construction from Houghton to a junction with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway at Mass City.

Mr. Wright, as general manager of the Mineral Range Railroad, was also a power in promoting and building the original railroad bridge across Portage Lake, between Hancock and Houghton. In 1900 Mr. Wright erected the Wright Building at Hancock, in which is located the Superior Savings Bank, and the Superior Trust Company. It is probably the finest building of its kind in the county and faces on Quincy street. He recently sold one-half of this building to J. T. Gartner, proprietor of the only department store on Lake Portage. Our subject owns many other business and residence properties in Houghton County, and is one of the most prosperous citizens.

Mr. Wright has been very active in politics, and for years was chairman of

the Houghton County Republican Committee, resigning in 1902. He has served three terms as a member of the Republican State Central Committee. He was at one time a candidate for Congress from the Twelfth Congressional District of Michigan, being supported by Houghton County for the nomination in the Republican convention. Religiously he is a member of the Congregational Church. He is a man of great strength of character, and has a pleasing personality, making friends of everyone with whom he comes in contact.

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REV. J. K. NIKANDER.

REV. J. K. NIKANDER, president of the Suomi College and Theological Seminary, a well known Finnish institution of learning located at Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, is one of the most prominent representatives of his nationality in Michigan.

The Suomi College and Theological Seminary was opened September 8, 1896, in private quarters, and its growth was such that in 1898 the erection of a fine college building was commenced. The corner-stone was laid May 30, 1899, and the building was dedicated to its worthy purposes January 21, 1900. The college has a seven-year course, and instruction is given in many of the studies taught in other American colleges and universities and in some that are not. The attendance of twenty-five at the beginning has increased to sixty-eight. It is a very popular institution of the Finnish people, of which there are some 20,000 in this region. Our subject is president of this institution, Isaac Sillberg of Republic, Michigan, is treasurer, and J. H. Jasberg of Hancock, Michigan, is manager. With these gentlemen on the directory are: J. E. Saari, Rev. Joh. Back, Alex. Pantti, Rev. Alfred Groning, Jacob Piipola, Rev. P. Airaksinen, Henry Kangas and Matti Pesamaki.

Mr. Nikander was born near Tavastehus, Province of Tavastehus, Finland, in 1855, and being a poor boy had only such advantages as were afforded by the public schools. He later attended high school in Central Finland, after which he entered Helsingfors University, from which institution he was graduated in 1879. In this university he was prepared for the Finnish Evangelical

Lutheran ministry, and spent five years as a pastor in his native land, four years of which time was with one congregation. He came to America, arriving at Hancock, Michigan, January 3, 1885, and took the circuit including Quincy, Calumet and Allouez, there being no church at Hancock at that time. In 1889 he took charge as chief editor of the church paper, *Paimen Sanomia*, in association with Rev. Karl Leonard Tolonen, now deceased. When the Suomi Synod was established in 1890, the paper was turned over to the church as a church organ and has since served that purpose. The church at Quincy was in union with the Norwegian church people, and about 1888 the Finnish congregation sold their interest, the present church on Reservation street, in Hancock, being started immediately after. Rev. Mr. Nikander served as pastor of this church until 1897, since which time he has devoted his attention to the paper and his college duties. As the school continued to increase and his work in connection became more onerous, he relinquished his duties as editor-in-chief of the publication and was succeeded by Rev. Joh. Back in 1900. In addition to looking after the duties of the college, he acts as instructor in Christianity, Latin, German and Greek. He reads, writes and converses fluently in four different languages, namely: Finnish, Swedish, German and English. He has the interests of his people at heart, ever working for their betterment and development, and there is no one more popular than he.

In 1902 Rev. Mr. Nikander was united in marriage with Sanna Rajala, and they temporarily reside in the college building. In politics our subject is a staunch Republican, and always takes a deep interest in the party's success.

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### WILLIAM H. MATCHETTE, M. D.

WILLIAM H. MATCHETTE, M. D., of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, was born in 1876, in Greenville, Ohio, and is a son of the late Dr. John E. Matchette, who was born in New Jersey and for the space of 30 years was a prominent physician near Greenville, Ohio, was auditor of his county for two terms and was a Knight Templar in Masonry. The mother of our subject, Mrs. Virginia (Hampton) Matchette, was born in Indiana and still



survives, at the age of 52 years. In religious connections these parents were members of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The family consisted of four children, our subject having two sisters.

Dr. Matchette was educated in Greenville, Ohio, later at Ann Arbor, Michigan, entering the medical department of the University of Michigan in 1895 and receiving his diploma as physician and surgeon in 1899. He immediately located as assistant physician for the Tamarack-Osceola Smelting Company, at Dollar Bay, Houghton County, Michigan, where he continued one year. He served four months as assistant at the Tamarack Hospital at Calumet, and in November, 1900, was appointed county physician. He then removed to Hancock, opened an office there and ever since has enjoyed a wide practice. Dr. Matchette may be counted one of the leading physicians of the place, his skill and ability being very generally recognized. He belongs to the state and county medical associations, and takes advantage of all the means for gaining a wider knowledge of his profession.

Dr. Matchette is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Fraternally, he is a Mason, a Knight of Pythias and an Elk.

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### WILLIAM WALLS.

WILLIAM WALLS, register of deeds of Houghton County, Michigan, is an efficient officer and a highly respected citizen, making his home in the town of Houghton. He was born in Cornwall, England, in 1846, and was brought by his parents to this country in 1850. Both of his parents are now dead, and he has one brother and four sisters living, the brother being located in the West.

William Walls located in New York with his parents in 1850, then went with them to Chester County, Pennsylvania, being reared and educated near Westchester. He began to work in the iron mines of Pennsylvania when 12 years of age, and upon removing to the Northern Peninsula of Michigan and locating in what is now Keweenaw County, in 1862, followed mining. A few years later he located in Houghton County, and for a number of years





CAPT. JOHNSON VIVIAN.

engaged in merchandising at Red Jacket, continuing there until about 1896. He was then for two years treasurer of Calumet township, the richest in the county. In the fall of 1898 he was elected register of deeds of Houghton County, and assumed the duties of office January 1, 1899. He served faithfully and efficiently in that capacity, and was rewarded by re-election to that office. He has always been a stanch Republican in politics, never swerving in his allegiance to that party.

Mr. Walls was joined in the bonds of matrimony with Miss Gardner, of Keweenaw County, Michigan, and they have four children,—three daughters and one son. The eldest daughter acts as her father's deputy, and the others are in school. Fraternally Mr. Walls is a member of Houghton Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; and Hancock Chapter, R. A. M. Religiously the family favors the Methodist Episcopal Church.



### CAPT. JOHNSON VIVIAN.

CAPT. JOHNSON VIVIAN, one of the best known citizens and business men of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, whose portrait is herewith shown, has been a resident of the Northern Peninsula of Michigan for upwards of 50 years. He was born in Cornwall, England, May 20, 1829, and comes of a family long identified with mining interests. His father, grandfather and three brothers were mine agents, the brothers going to different countries. He is a direct descendant of Sir Vyell Vivian, who married Margaret, daughter of the Earl of Kildare, in 1295, and removed at that time from Normandy to England. One of the family, Sir Henry Huzzy Vivian, was with Wellington from 1809 to 1815, serving in the Peninsular War, and being present at the battle of Waterloo.

Captain Vivian began work about the mines of his native place when 14 or 15 years old and continued in that occupation in Cornwall until 1853, when he came to the United States. He located at Eagle Harbor, Houghton (now Keweenaw) County, Michigan, and worked in the Lake Superior copper district as a miner for one year. He

was then appointed mining captain by Hon. Samuel W. Hills, and served as such until July, 1856, when he went to Copper Harbor, took charge of the Clark mine operated by a French company, and remained there until February 1, 1857. He returned to the Copper Falls mine and took a tribute lease of the Hill vein, which he worked until October 1, 1859, when he took charge of the Phoenix mine as chief mining captain, and continued there in that capacity until October, 1863. He was then appointed superintendent and served as such until February 1, 1867, when he was appointed agent of the Hancock mine, where he remained until June, 1868, during which time the mine was worked at a profit. He then took charge as superintendent of the Schoolcraft mine, erected mining machinery and operated it until it was demonstrated that the vein would not pay, the mine then being abandoned. Some fifteen years later he again took charge of this mine, whose name had been changed to the Centennial, and operated it for three or four years, but it never proved a success. He left the company's employ in 1874 and was appointed agent of the Franklin and Pewabic, contiguous mines, which were in poor condition, having been worked at a disadvantage. Captain Vivian instituted needed reforms and the mines are still working successfully. In February, 1880, in addition to regular duties, he took charge of the Huron mine, lying just south of Lake Portage, the Concord and Mesnard mines, and the Tecumseh mine, the last named being worked at intervals. He remained actively in mining until 1896, since which time he has been practically retired.

Captain Vivian is now extensively interested in the mercantile business at Laurium, where the firm of J. Vivian, Jr., & Company conducts the largest store in the county, employing about 50 people. For the past 11 years, Captain Vivian has resided in Houghton. In whatsoever business he has engaged, he has met with good fortune and prospered. He was one of the promoters of the Superior Savings Bank at Hancock, a promoter and for years a director of the State Savings Bank at Laurium, a promoter of the Electric Light & Power Company at Houghton, and a director and promoter of the Lake Superior Soap Company. He was senior member of the firm of Vivian & Prince, manufacturing safety fuse for blasting purposes, which conducted a very successful business for 20 years.

Captain Johnson Vivian was married to Elizabeth Simmons, of Cambridge, England, who is now living at the age of 72 years. Of the two daughters and four sons born to them, the sons alone survive; they are: John C., a druggist of Laurium; Joseph H., purchasing agent at Butte, Montana, for the Boston & Montana Copper Company; Johnson, Jr., a member of the firm of J. Vivian, Jr., & Company, of Laurium, Houghton County; and William J., a machinist of Houghton.

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### JOSEPH STROBEL.

JOSEPH STROBEL, president of the A. Haas Brewing Company and a prominent business man of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, was born at Houghton in 1860, and is a son of Nicholas Strobel.

Nicholas Strobel became a resident of Keweenaw County, Michigan, in 1852; two years later he located at Portage, Houghton County, Michigan. Upon coming to the United States from Germany, when eighteen years of age, he first located at Cleveland, Ohio; he was familiar with the shoe business and followed that line in Cleveland, but after coming to the Northern Peninsula he at first took up the occupation of mining, as there was little else to do in the Lake Superior copper region. Afterwards, when the district became more settled, he conducted a shoe business in Houghton, which is said to have been one of the most reliable business houses in the place; he carried a large stock of boots, shoes, rubbers, etc., and employed several shoemakers, and had an extensive trade in made-to-order shoes. The site of this pioneer establishment on Huron street is at present occupied by a sample room that is conducted by our subject.

Nicholas Strobel is remembered as one of the pioneer business men of Houghton, and has long since taken a conspicuous place in the history of the city as one of its builders, as well as a trustworthy neighbor and citizen. He died in 1869, aged about 39 years. His widow now resides with her son, the subject of this sketch, and is nearing the age of 70 years. She is a native of Bavaria, Germany, and was married in Cleveland, Ohio, to Mr. Strobel,

who had returned from Eagle River for the purpose shortly after he had located there. Their family consisted of four sons and four daughters. The family has been firm in its allegiance to the Catholic Church.

Joseph Strobel was reared and educated in Houghton, Michigan, but at the age of 10 years he left school to assist his widowed mother. When 19 years of age he left for the West, and located at Leadville, Colorado, where he conducted a successful business for five years. Returning to Houghton in 1858, he established a business on Huron street, which he still conducts, and which is one of the landmarks and a generally favorite resort. Later, when the brewery changed hands, he was elected president of the new company, which position he now fills with much ability. The other officers of the company are Michael M. Messner, vice-president, and William F. Miller, secretary, treasurer and manager. The board of directors of the A. Haas Brewing Company also includes William Seager and A. D. Edwards, both men of notable prominence in Houghton. Our subject also owns the fine business property occupied by Edward Haas & Company and the Portage Lake Hardware Company, and is interested in various other business enterprises of importance.

Politically our subject is a staunch Republican, and has served eight years as a member of the village council of Houghton, also as vice-president of the village.

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### M. C. GETCHELL.

M. C. GETCHELL, cashier of the Superior Savings Bank at Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, and a well known financier of that county, was born at Hancock, and is a son of the late A. M. Getchell, who located in Hancock in 1860, and was connected with the foundry which was the beginning of the present Portage Lake Foundry Company. A. M. Getchell was born at Machias, Maine, and died at Hancock in 1889, aged 55 years. His widow still survives, and makes her home at Hancock.

M. C. Getchell was reared at Hancock and attended the local schools. He occupied a number of important positions prior to taking up his present one, and is secretary and treasurer of the Superior Trust Company, being also

associated with other enterprises. He has been cashier of the Superior Savings Bank ever since its organization in 1890, and by his careful and conservative course and his obliging manner has made many friends in the business world.

In politics Mr. Getchell votes the Republican ticket, but takes no very lively interest in local management. His fraternal connections include the Masons and the Elks.



### WILLIAM CONDON.

WILLIAM CONDON, cashier of the First National Bank of Hancock, Michigan, has been a resident and business man of Houghton County since 1862. He was born in Wayne County, Michigan, where he was reared and educated. In 1862 he removed to Houghton County and embarked in a mercantile business at Hancock, to which he devoted his entire attention until 1888.

Mr. Condon came to the First National Bank of Hancock in 1888, having previously assisted in the organization of the National Bank of Houghton, in which for a time he was a stockholder. The First National Bank of Hancock is the oldest financial institution in the city, and was established March 18, 1874, with a capital stock of \$100,000, its organizers being: S. D. North, J. W. Wright, Charles E. Holland, T. L. Chadbourne, Graham Pope, Joseph H. Chandler, Peter Ruppe and E. H. Towar, the present president of the Marquette National Bank. Its first board of directors included these prominent names: James A. Close, Frank G. White, Peter Ruppe, Z. W. Wright, James N. Wright, Richard Uren and Charles E. Holland. The first elected officers were: S. D. North, president, now deceased and succeeded by Capt. S. B. Harris; James A. Close, first vice-president; and E. H. Towar, cashier, whom Mr. Condon succeeded in 1888. The present board of directors is constituted as follows: William H. Roberts, Samuel B. Harris, Michael Finn, George H. Nichols, Charles D. Hanchett, John Funkey and A. J. Scott. The bank has built up a surplus of \$35,000. The deposits, according to statement of condition, made to the Comptroller of the Currency, were \$915,039.54 on June 9, 1903. The first bank building, which was erected in 1887, was enlarged in



1901 to its present dimensions. It is three stories in height and of a stately style of architecture which makes it one of the finest buildings in the city.

Mr. Condon resides with his family, at Hancock, one son, John C., being a clerk in the bank and another, Frank C., being engaged in the office of Hanchette & Lawton. In his political views Mr. Condon is a Republican. Fraternally he belongs to the higher branches of Masonry and is connected with Calumet Commandery, Knights Templar. As a citizen he has always been most highly considered, and he can look back upon a business life of useful activity and the highest integrity.



### REV. GOTTLIEB TRAUB.

REV. GOTTLIEB TRAUB, pastor of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church at Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, and a prominent clergyman of the Lutheran denomination, was born at Bingen, Adams County, Indiana, in 1866. He is a son of Rev. Gottlieb and Mary Traub, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in Indiana.

Rev. Gottlieb Traub, Sr., the father of our subject, died in 1890, at the age of 58 years. He came to the United States in 1863, and, after one and a half years of study at the Concordia Lutheran Seminary at St. Louis, Missouri, entered the ministry of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1864. His first charge was at Bingen, Adams County, Indiana, where he met his wife, who died in 1892, at the age of 56 years. Mr. Traub held many important charges. For twelve years he was pastor at Crete, Illinois, this being the largest country charge in the State. His ministry was so acceptable to his parishioners at Peoria, Illinois, that he was continued there fourteen years. At the time of his death he had charge of the church at Aurora, Illinois. These parents had a family of eleven children, our subject and his brother Henry, both being in the ministry, the latter at present located at Bath, Illinois.

Rev. Gottlieb Traub, the subject of this sketch, attended parochial schools, Concordia College at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and the Lutheran theological

seminary at Springfield, Illinois, where he was graduated in 1886, being ordained a minister on July 4th of that year. He then became assistant to his father at Peoria for 16 months, and then went to Bath, Illinois, where he remained seven and a half years, becoming again his father's assistant at Aurora, where he continued two years. In May, 1896, he moved to Hancock, Houghton County, and took charge of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church. Since his incumbency the church has been improved in many ways, has increased in interest and membership and from 17 pupils in the parochial school has increased to 70. Rev. Mr. Traub is an earnest, faithful worker, devoted to the interests of his church and people and is regarded as a fine type of a true, Christian man.

In 1896 Rev. Mr. Traub married Anna Muschler, who was born November 6, 1870, at Aurora, Illinois, and is a daughter of Andrew and Mary Muschler. They have three children, namely: Anna, Gottlieb and Lydia. Although never a politician, Mr. Traub has always supported the Republican party.



### CHARLES D. HANCHETTE.

CHARLES D. HANCHETTE, senior member of the prominent law firm of Hanchette & Lawton, of Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, was born December 13, 1859, at Woodstock, Illinois, and is the second son of Maj. Hiram Solon and Nancy Jane (Griffiths) Hanchette.

Major Hanchette organized a company for the 16th Reg., Illinois Vol. Cav., during the Civil War, and was captured in 1864 and imprisoned in Cahaba, Alabama, and after the war was over, instead of being released, he was taken into the woods and shot by the officers of the prison, for personal spite.

The family moved, in 1864, from Woodstock to Chicago, Illinois, where our subject received his education and was a member of the class of 1878 of the old Central High School.

Mr. Hanchette engaged in the music business for several years and in 1884 entered the law office of Hon. Thomas B. Dunstan, a leading member of the Houghton County bar. He was admitted to the bar of Houghton

County in 1886. In September of the same year he was married to Nellie J. Harris, daughter of Capt. Samuel B. Harris, president of the First National Bank of Hancock. Mr. Hanchette was elected and served for three terms as prosecuting attorney of Keweenaw County, Michigan. In 1889 he organized the Northern Michigan Building & Loan Association and was taken in as a partner with Hon. Thomas B. Dunstan, under the firm name of Dunstan & Hanchette. This firm was prominently identified with the development of the copper country, especially of the Ontonagon district, having secured the capital necessary to open up and develop the old Adventure, Hilton and Knowlton group, and the old Victoria mine near Rockland.

In May, 1902, Mr. Dunstan died and Mr. Hanchette formed a partnership with Swaby L. Lawton, and he was elected a director in the First National Bank of Hancock, and a director in and the vice-president of the Victoria Copper Mining Company. Ever since its organization he has been acting as secretary and attorney of the Northern Michigan Building & Loan Association. He is identified with the leading business industries of the city of Hancock and the neighborhood. The law firm of Hanchette & Lawton is one of the leading firms of Houghton County.

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### WILLIAM F. TRAYES.

WILLIAM F. TRAYES, vice-president of the Hancock Evening Journal Company, and managing editor of the newspaper, received his early training in the office of his father, the late J. B. Trayes, who was editor and proprietor of the *Daily and Weekly Times* of Port Hope, Province of Ontario, and editor and publisher of the *Canadian Craftsman*, the leading Masonic paper of the Province.

On the death of his father, William F. Trayes became editor and manager of the *Port Hope Times*. He published the *Times* successfully for four years, and then sold the newspaper and went to Montreal, where he accepted the position of city editor of the *Montreal Witness*, a journal which ranks first among the newspapers of Canada. He succeeded in making his mark in this





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position, and, after two years on the *Montreal Witness*, resigned to become a free lance in the newspaper field. As a special correspondent he represented at various times the *Montreal Star*, the *Toronto Mail*, the *Toronto Globe* and the Associated Press, and became one of the best known newspaper men in the Dominion.

After coming to the United States Mr. Traves was engaged as editor of *Campbell's Illustrated Journal*, a monthly magazine published in Chicago, which position he resigned to enter the newspaper field in Hancock, Michigan.



### HON. CARLOS D. SHELDEN.

HON. CARLOS D. SHELDEN, member of Congress from the Twelfth Congressional District of Michigan and a well known citizen of Houghton County, Michigan, residing in the village of Houghton, was born in Walworth County, Wisconsin, June 10, 1840, and is a son of Ransom and Theresa M. (Douglass) Shelden.

Ransom Shelden, who is remembered as a pioneer in the copper region along the southern shore of Lake Superior, whose advent into this region dated back to the period when the mineral wealth of the Northern Peninsula was never suspected, and whose fortunate investments laid the foundation for the large fortune now so capably managed by his son, was born in Essex County, New York, July 7, 1814, and died May 17, 1878. When about 21 years old, having procured a horse and light wagon and a stock of light merchandise, he set out from his home in the Empire State, headed for the West. He arrived in Chicago in 1837, then little more than a frontier village. After remaining there a short time, he went on to Bigfoot Prairie, Walworth County, Wisconsin, where he began work on a farm about two miles from the southern end of Lake Geneva. He was quite widely known for his skill and speed with the cradle, and for other work of the kind. At that place, in 1839, he married Miss Douglass, a cousin of Dr. Douglass Houghton, the first State Geologist of Michigan and for whom the county

of Houghton was named. Dr. Houghton made a geological examination of the copper and iron regions along the south shore of Lake Superior, and while engaged in this work was unfortunately drowned off Eagle River, in the fall of 1846. Theresa M. Douglass was born at Fredonia, New York, and came west with her people, who first located at Mount Clemens, near Detroit; a year or two later, however, the Douglass family removed to Walworth County, Wisconsin, where the remaining years of the father and mother were spent.

Ransom Sheldon came to the Northern Peninsula in the summer of 1846 with absolutely no capital, for he had been extremely unfortunate in his farming operations and other business ventures. After working at various pursuits for some time, he made a successful deal in purchasing, shipping and selling a quantity of potatoes, thereby cleaning up a clear profit of some \$300. This money he invested in suitable merchandise, and located at L'Anse, Baraga County, where he engaged in trading with the Indians, having formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, C. C. Douglass. It was from this small start that the immense Sheldon and Douglass estates were finally developed. In the spring of 1847, Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Douglass removed to Portage Entry and there continued the business, adding to it fishing and other lines, and continued there until 1851, when they removed to the Quincy mine, where they conducted a mine store in which general merchandise was sold. In the spring of 1852 they platted the village of Houghton and moved their goods to a building located almost opposite the site of the present post-office, on Isle Royale street. They continued operating the store until the fall of 1862, when they sold their business to Smith & Harris. During the summers of 1849 and 1850, Ransom Sheldon had spent much time exploring the country in the vicinity of the present towns of Houghton and Hancock, and in the winters of 1851 and 1852 the partners organized the Portage, Isle Royale, and Huron mining companies. Mining operations by these companies were commenced in the spring of 1852. The merchants had in the meantime been accumulating large tracts of land in Houghton and adjoining counties, aggregating about 55,000 acres. They also owned a sawmill at Dollar Bay, had two small steamers plying between Houghton and Portage Entry, and owned the steamer "Napoleon," which plied from Sault Ste.

Marie to the head of Lake Superior. Since the death of Ransom Shelden, his estate has been handled by the subject of this sketch, who was co-executor with his brother, George C. Shelden, until the latter's death, October 2, 1896. George C. Shelden was born in December, 1842. He left a widow who before marriage was Mary E. Edwards, of Houghton, and two daughters: Mrs. Stephen J. Bowling, of Detroit; and Mrs. V. T. Barry, of Houghton. The subject of this sketch has one brother living, Ransom B., of California, who is an extensive fruit grower; and one sister, Mrs. E. S. Gilbert, who died some years ago.

Carlos D. Shelden was educated at the "Union" school at Ypsilanti, Michigan. Returning home in the fall of 1861, he raised a company at Houghton for service in the Union Army, and in 1862 entered the army as a captain in the 23d Reg., Michigan Vol. Inf. He served until the latter part of 1864 in the 23rd Army Corps and was at the siege of Knoxville and in the battles of Resaca and Franklin, being mainly under General Thomas.

Mr. Shelden was elected to the Michigan Legislature on the Republican ticket in 1892, and in 1894 was sent to the State Senate, where he was assigned to some of the most important committees. He distinguished himself by his able services, and was very highly regarded as one of the ablest and most influential members of the Senate. He was elected to the 55th and 56th Congresses, and was re-elected to the 57th Congress from the Twelfth Congressional District of Michigan, receiving a majority of over 21,000 votes. He received 33,759 votes to 11,560 votes cast for E. F. LeGendre (Democratic) and 1,167 for John Kaminen (Prohibitionist). He had previously served as president of the village of Houghton, and for several years was a member of the Board of Supervisors of Houghton County.

Mr. Shelden was married in 1865 to Mary E. Skiff, daughter of George and Eliza Skiff, of Willoughby, Ohio. She died in 1868, leaving a son, then six months old,—Ransom Skiff Shelden. Our subject's son is now and has been for several years past an attorney at Houghton. He was born in 1867, was educated in Racine, Wisconsin, and was graduated from the law department of the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He has practiced law for the past 15 years. Our subject's present wife is Sally W. Gardner, nee Dashiell, who is from the state of Maryland. Mrs. Shelden has two daugh-



ers,—Mrs. J. D. Ryan, of Butte, Montana, and Nellie, who is at home. Mr. Sheldon is a 32nd degree Mason, being a member of the blue lodge at Houghton, the chapter at Hancock, Montrose Commandery at Calumet, the consistory at Grand Rapids, and the shrine at Marquette. His portrait accompanies this sketch, being presented on a preceding page.



### WILL HARRY DODGE, M. D.

WILL HARRY DODGE, M. D. Among the prominent medical practitioners of the Northern Peninsula, none has been more thoroughly prepared or more completely equipped than has Dr. Dodge, and none has met with more general or deserved success. He was born at Panama, New York, in 1862, and is a son of William E. and Mary P. (Chamberlain) Dodge, both of whom were natives of the Empire State. The father of Dr. Dodge, a prominent and influential man, still survives, enjoying physical and mental health, at the age of 78 years. He and his wife have long been leading members of the Baptist Church of their locality. They reared four children, but our subject is the only survivor.

Dr. Dodge completed the public school course at Panama, the normal school course at Fredonia, New York, and that of the University of Rochester, at Rochester, New York. In the fall of 1886 he entered the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and in June, 1889, graduated in medicine and surgery. In the following year he became physician for the Peninsula mine, with which he remained until it was closed in 1893. Dr. Dodge then located in Hancock, where he practiced until the summer of 1896, when he went abroad in order to still further prosecute his medical studies. His itinerary included the noted institutions of London, Marburg and Vienna, going from the latter city to Russia, where he took part in the great International Medical Congress of 1897. During this visit he took the opportunity to visit the hospitals of St. Petersburg and to note their management, later giving careful investigation of the same kind to the hospitals of Finland, Helsingfors and Stockholm,

Sweden. He then returned to Hamburg, whence he sailed for America, locating again among his old friends at Hancock. There he has practiced ever since, his success in the handling of many baffling diseases testifying to the value and thoroughness of his medical studies.

Dr. Dodge is connected by membership with the International Medical Congress, the American Medical Association and the Houghton County Medical Society. Fraternally he belongs to all the leading orders,—the Elks, Knights of Pythias, the Foresters, and is a Mystic Shriner and a thirty-second degree Mason. He belongs also to the Nu Sigma Nu medical society. In politics he is a Republican, but, because of the demands made upon his time by professional studies and duties, does not permit himself to be considered eligible to any office.

On January 3, 1900, Dr. Dodge was united in marriage with Annie Gertrude Daly, whose death took place December 31, 1900.



#### REV. JOH. BACK.

REV. JOH. BACK, pastor of the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran congregation at Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, is not only well known as a minister of the Gospel, but as a temperance lecturer and a champion of his people. For more than two years he has been editor of the *Paimen Sanomia*, the church paper of the Finnish Lutheran people in this country.

Rev. Mr. Back was born in the parish of Lapua, Province of Wasa, Finland, in 1865, and, as his mother died when he was a year and a half old and his father less than a year later, he was reared by his grandmother until he reached the age of ten years. He was engaged in work at a manufacturing plant for some time, then attended high school when 16 years of age. He was admitted to the Imperial Alexander University of Helsingfors in 1890, took the degree of A. M. in 1894, and was there prepared for the ministry.

In 1892 Rev. Mr. Back, at the instance and as a stipendiary of his native country, came to the United States to study our industrial and educational

institutions, all his expenses being paid from the state funds of Finland. Here he remained about one year, when he returned home and took a degree at the above named university at Helsingfors in the spring of 1894. Upon again leaving the university he came to Hancock, Michigan, in February, 1895, with the expectation of becoming the first teacher at the Suomi College and Theological Seminary located in Hancock, but as the school was not then completed Rev. Mr. Back accepted the position of minister of the Gospel in Montana, where he was ordained in March, 1895. Afterwards he accepted a similar position in Minnesota, and remained there until October 1, 1897, when he accepted the pastorate of the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Hancock, Michigan, where he has since remained.

The church at Hancock, of which our subject is pastor, was established in 1889, and was enlarged in 1902 at a cost of nearly \$6,000. Rev. Mr. Back is also pastor of the congregation at Atlantic, where a church was built in 1900 at a cost of \$3,000. In 1897 the combined membership of these churches was about 1,600, and under the enthusiastic work of their pastor it has been increased to about 3,000, of which 2,300 belong to the Hancock church. A fine parsonage is also maintained in connection with the church at Hancock. Meeting houses have been constructed at various mining and smelting places, and the entire list of his charge is: Hancock, Atlantic, Dollar Bay, Boston and Quincy Hill, these charges having a total membership of from 5,000 to 6,000. The progress has been most marked since Rev. Mr. Back took charge, and he now has the largest Finnish congregation in America. He is vice-president of Suomi Synod of the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, and has been a member of the board of directors of The Suomi College and Theological Seminary ever since the institution was started. He has at times taught in The Suomi College and Theological Seminary, and is editor of the church paper *Paimen Sanomia*, which is printed at the college. From 1899 to 1902 he was also editor of the *Raittiuslehti*, of the Finnish National Temperance Brotherhood of America, the largest temperance association of the Finnish people on this continent. He has delivered many temperance lectures, some of which have been printed in book form and distributed among the Finns. For some years a temperance calendar has been published, and for the past two years a contest has been

conducted for the best essays on temperance. Rev. Mr. Back took first prize in these contests both years.

Rev. Mr. Back is a man of the best type, honest and straightforward, of charitable impulse, and with the best interests of his fellow beings at heart. He is a member of the Finnish Mutual Life Insurance Association, in which he carries insurance.



### REV. THOMAS J. ATFIELD.

REV. THOMAS J. ATFIELD, pastor of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church at Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, was born January 10, 1857, in Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan. He is a son of the late James and Deborah (O'Donnell) Atfield, both of whom were natives of Ireland.

James Atfield was one of the first settlers of Marquette County, where he located soon after coming to America in 1849. His death took place at Marquette in 1896, and that of his widow in 1900. He was long a man of prominence in Marquette County, a large dealer in real estate and was elected sheriff of that county on the Democratic ticket. During the Civil War he acted as a recruiting officer. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church. Their family of six children—three sons and three daughters—all survive.

Father Atfield completed the public school course at Marquette and in 1870 entered Montreal College, finishing his classical education there in 1876. In the same year he entered St. Francis Seminary at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he completed his theological and philosophical course and was ordained in May, 1880. From May of that year to 1882 he served as assistant to Father Jacker, his first separate pastorate being at Champion, Marquette County, to which he was appointed in February, 1882. Until July, 1885, he continued there, and was then transferred to Menominee, Menominee County, Michigan, where he remained until October, 1886. The succeeding two years were spent at Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan. In October, 1888, he was ap-

pointed pastor of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church at Hancock, Michigan. Father Atfield has one of the largest charges in the diocese, having 450 families under his jurisdiction and spiritual care, and in addition is chaplain to St. Patrick's Convent and St. Joseph's Hospital. Since locating in Hancock he has practically built church, school and parish house, a beginning only having been made on the church. A very flourishing parochial school of 400 pupils is connected with the church, the pupils being under the instruction of the good Sisters of St. Joseph. An idea of Father Atfield's various duties outside of his priestly offices in the church, may be gained in noting the following societies in the parish, over which he presides, to which he lectures and in which he is the most welcome member: Hancock Council, Knights of Columbus; Hancock Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians; Hancock Division, Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians; Hancock Court, Woman's Catholic Order of Foresters; Married People's League of the Sacred Heart; Young Ladies' League of the Sacred Heart; St. Rose Sodality for Girls; St. Aloysius Sodality for Boys; and the Young Men's Literary Club.



#### A. M. WHEELER, M. D.

A. M. WHEELER, M. D., a prominent physician of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, was born in Allegany County, New York, in the Genesee Valley, 60 miles east of Buffalo, in 1860, and is a son of Seneca A. Wheeler, who was born in New York State. The Wheeler family is an old and honorable one in the Empire State and was established there at a very early date.

Seneca A. Wheeler was a chemist by profession, and was an extensive traveler, having accompanied Mr. Walker in his explorations for iron, through Central America and Alaska. At a later date he engaged in the manufacture of nitro-glycerine at Negaunee, Michigan, as a member of the manufacturing firm of King & Wheeler. Both he and his son Walter were killed January 2, 1878, by an explosion of the dangerous product. His widow resides at





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Houghton, Michigan, with her son, our subject. She was born at Ogdensburg, New York, on the St. Lawrence River; her maiden name was Evans.

Dr. Wheeler accompanied his mother to Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 1877, and spent six years in the University of Michigan there, graduating first as a chemist, with the degree of Ph. C., and later in medicine, with the degree of M. D. He has been a resident of Houghton County since 1883, locating first at the Franklin and Peninsula mines, removing then to Hancock, where he has been successfully engaged in practice for the past twenty years. He occupies finely appointed offices in the Sheldon-Dee Building.

Politically Dr. Wheeler is a Republican and has taken an active part in local politics and attends the county and State conventions whenever professional duties permit. Fraternally he belongs to an Ann Arbor lodge of the I. O. O. F., and to the Masonic blue lodge and chapter at Hancock. He belongs also to the State and county medical societies and is a valued contributor to medical literature.

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### J. H. JASBERG.

J. H. JASBERG, manager of The Suomi College and Theological Seminary of Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, whose portrait is herewith shown, is one of the most progressive and active of the Finnish citizens of the Northern Peninsula.

The Suomi College and Theological Seminary was established September 10, 1896, primarily to give Christian instruction under the auspices of the Finnish-American Evangelical Lutheran Church. At first, private quarters were occupied but as the College prospered, in 1898 a fine college building was commenced, the corner stone being laid on May 30, 1899, and the structure being dedicated January 21, 1900. The building and grounds cost about \$36,000. The College was the first of its kind to be established in the United States. At first, instruction was given only in English, Finnish, Latin, geography, arithmetic, zoology, writing and drawing, but in 1897-98, the course was extended to include United States history and



geometry; in 1898-99, to include German, general history, botany and algebra; in 1899-1900, to include pedagogy; in 1900-01, to include Greek and physics; in 1901-02, to include chemistry; and in 1902-03, to include French and Swedish. The College has a seven year course, and while there were originally two instructors and two assistants there are now six instructors with five assistants. The officers are as follows: Rev. J. K. Nikander, president; Isaac Sillberg, of Republic, Michigan, treasurer; and J. H. Jasberg, manager. In addition to these three named, the board of directors includes; Jacob Piippola, Rev. Joh. Back; Alex. Pantti, Rev. Alfred Groning, J. E. Saari, Matti Pesamaki, Henry Kangas and Rev. P. Airaksinen.

J. H. Jasberg was born in Finland, November 1, 1861, in the Province of Wasa. For a time he attended the public schools, but from the age of 12 years on he received instruction from private tutors, being reared in the home of an army officer. He left Finland at the age of 19, and came direct to the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, locating at Calumet, Houghton County, where he arrived with practically no money. He secured work at cutting timber, and in the spring of 1880 went to work at the Allouez mine. In March, 1881, he went to Ishpeming, Marquette County, and later to Republic, where he worked steadily for about two years. Then in partnership with a friend he conducted a store at Republic, Marquette County, for a period of three years, selling out to the firm of F. H. Kearney & Company, for which company he later worked a short time. He removed to Ishpeming and there engaged in the insurance business, also handling railroad and steamboat tickets. In 1892 he disposed of his interests and went to Montreal, Canada, and continued to be engaged in the insurance business there and later in New York City until 1895. In August of the last named year, he sold his interests there and returned to the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, on a visit to his brother-in-law, Rev. J. K. Nikander, who was then conducting the Finnish church paper, which is now managed by our subject. Together they established a book store and publishing plant, the Finnish language being used. About 1900 they turned the plant over to the church organization. They originally employed six or seven men, but the enterprise has been enlarged under the capable management of Mr. Jasberg and now about 14 men are employed about the plant. New type-setting machin-

ery has been installed, a book bindery added, and four papers are printed. Mr. Jasberg is also interested in many other Houghton County enterprises, being a director and one of the founders of the Citizens' National Bank of Houghton. He is chairman of the Houghton County District Agricultural Society, and is treasurer of the Finnish National Temperance Brotherhood of America, which he helped to found 17 years ago, and of which he has served as president and in other capacities. He is president of the Finnish Mutual Life Insurance Association, established in 1902, with offices at Hancock in the Postoffice Building. He was secretary of the Finnish Central Relief Committee, which has so ably assisted the suffering home people.

Mr. Jasberg was married in Hancock to Wilhelmina Nikander, by whom he has the following children: Toiwo Henry; Onni John; George Israel; Urho Krustaa; Kaino Edward; Eino Adolph; Lempi Wilhelmina; and Impi Marin. In politics he has ever been an active Republican. He has ever devoted his efforts to the advancement of the Finnish people, with whom he is most popular, and their progress in all lines in the Northern Peninsula of Michigan is a credit to themselves and their leaders.



### THE HANCOCK EVENING JOURNAL.

THE HANCOCK EVENING JOURNAL. Credit for the conception of a newspaper for Hancock, on metropolitan lines, rests with Charles A. Wright, president of the Hancock Evening Journal Company, whose confidence in the possibilities of Hancock and the Portage Lake district has been demonstrated in many substantial enterprises, which have been of material advantage in the development of interests important to the community. In 1901 he organized a company for the publication of the *Hancock Evening Journal*, the two established papers in Hancock—the *Copper Journal* and the *Houghton County Progress*—being merged.

The ideal newspaper for Hancock, in Mr. Wright's opinion, is one that will rank with the best in the State, and since the establishment of the *Han-*

*cock Evening Journal* his energies and the efforts of his associates have been directed to this end.

Under Mr. Wright's direction the *Hancock Evening Journal* was at once placed on a basis that commanded the respect and confidence of the public.

The combined plants of the *Copper Journal* and *Progress* were not, however, sufficient to long meet the requirements of the paper, and the improvements which have followed in rapid succession include the installation of a web perfecting press, Mergenthaler linotype machines, and a complete modern equipment.

The *Hancock Evening Journal* aims to uphold the interests of Hancock and the whole community of Portage Lake, and it reflects the spirit and enterprise of the copper country.



### J. F. HAMBITZER.

J. F. HAMBITZER, one of the leading lawyers of Houghton County, Michigan, engaged in practice at Houghton, and also one of the prominent politicians of his section, was born December 13, 1856, at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and is a son of Dr. William Hambitzer, a very prominent physician of the county, a graduate of Heidelberg University, Germany. Our subject was but a child when his parents removed to British Hollow, Grant county, Wisconsin, and he was reared and educated there until the age of fourteen years. His mother was born in Germany and died in the infancy of her children. One brother, William, is a resident of Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Hambitzer was but fourteen when he left home and journeyed to Hancock, Michigan. He was employed for eight years, from 1876 until 1884, in the post office at Hancock. He then entered upon the study of the law and also perfected himself in stenography. In 1886 he was elected county treasurer of Houghton County; being endorsed by the leading members of both parties, he consented to accept the proffer of a second term, and held the office until 1890, when he became cashier of the Superior Savings Bank

of Hancock, with Charles A. Wright, president, filling the position for several years. His law studies had been interrupted and he now entered the law office of Ball & Ball, at Marquette, Michigan, where he completed his course, being admitted to the bar in the spring of 1895. He then returned to Houghton and continued to practice, although serving through the administration of Gov. Hazen S. Pingree in responsible public positions. For four years he served as oil inspector for Houghton, Keweenaw and Baraga Counties, and since that time has held many other equally important ones. Mr. Hambitzer proved himself competent in every position in which he was placed, and is widely known and highly regarded in his profession.

In 1880 Mr. Hambitzer married Emma Nichols, a sister of George Nichols, of Hancock. They have two talented and accomplished daughters,—Blanche and Mabel, who are graduates of the class of 1901, of the Chicago School of Music, and of the class of 1902 of the artistic school of Prof. Alberta Jonas of Detroit. The delightful family home is one of the most comfortable in Houghton, situated on the corner of Huron and Albion streets, and is an abode of genuine hospitality. Mr. Hambitzer is a blue lodge Mason, an Elk of the Hancock lodge, a Knight of Pythias of Houghton and formerly belonged to other organizations in which the press of business, political and social life does not permit him to take part. The family is prominent socially. The religious connection is with the Protestant Episcopal Church.

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### WILLIAM J. UREN.

WILLIAM J. UREN is assistant superintendent of the Trimountain Mining Company, and is located at the town of Ripley, in Houghton County, Michigan. He was born in Keweenaw County, Michigan, in 1863, and is a son of Capt. Richard and Jane (Nicholas) Uren.

Capt. Richard Uren was born in Cornwall, England, June 10, 1835, and was a son of William and Jane Uren. He came to America in 1851, reaching Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, in September of that

year, and worked as a miner from 1851 to 1855. He then formed a partnership with his brother in a lease of the Copper Falls mine, and at the expiration of the lease in 1859 engaged as mining captain of the same mine. In 1863 he formed a partnership with Dunston & Blight for the manufacture of safety fuse at Eagle River, the machinery for this work having been invented by Mr. Uren. He was afterward appointed agent of the Madison, Winthrop and Dana mines, and in 1864 became agent of the Pewabic and Franklin mines. Resigning in 1868, he went to California, where he established a safety fuse factory and continued with good success until 1872, in June of which year he returned to the Lake Superior region. He leased the Pewabic and Franklin mines and operated them until July, 1874. In 1877 he went to the Black Hills, where he was interested in gold mining, but in a short time returned to Michigan and purchased an interest in the Lake Superior Native Copper Works, of which he was secretary and treasurer at the time of his death, March 12, 1897. Mr. Uren married Jane Nicholas, who was born in Cornwall, England, August 11, 1859, and was a daughter of William Nicholas of Cornwall. She died September 13, 1902.

William J. Uren received his primary education in the public schools of Houghton County, then finished his schooling in the Michigan College of Mines. Starting in business in 1880, he was identified with his father in copper smelting at the Lake Superior Native Copper Works for three years. He then became connected with the Wolverine mine, now operated by the Wolverine Copper Company. His father had opened and operated this mine with T. W. Edwards of Houghton, Michigan, and our subject remained with this company for three years. In 1885 he entered the Michigan College of Mines, completed his course of instruction there in 1888, and then, in the capacity of civil engineer, entered the employ of the Mineral Range Railroad Company, and the Hancock & Calumet Railroad Company, which is now known as the Mineral Range Railway, the latter now controlled by the former, and both operated by the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway Company. In 1895 he was connected with the United States government on the work of the canal in this section. In the fall of 1895 Mr. Uren became connected with the Lake Superior Iron Company, now known as the Hodge Iron Company, as draughtsman, and so continued until early in 1899.

He then became assistant superintendent of the Trimountain Mining Company and the Elm River Mining Company, with which concerns he has since been identified.

On October 5, 1895, Mr. Uren was united in marriage with Emma Lucia Forbes, a daughter of William and Mary Forbes, her father coming to America from Aberdeenshire, Scotland, in the early "thirties" and locating in the Southern Peninsula of Michigan. Her mother was also a native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and came to America in 1850. Mrs. Forbes' father was an artist of great reputation in Scotland, and was a personal friend of General Gordon. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Uren: Richard Forbes, born July 19, 1897; Mary, born December 3, 1901; and an infant born March 25, 1903. Fraternally our subject is a Mason.

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#### F. W. DENTON.

F. W. DENTON, superintendent of the Baltic mine and in full charge of the Winona mine, both located in Houghton County, Michigan, is a well known resident of Atlantic. He was born in New Jersey and completed his education at the School of Mines at Columbia University in 1889.

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#### BENJAMIN F. CHYNOWETH.

BENJAMIN F. CHYNOWETH, one of the few remaining pioneers of the copper region of Lake Superior, is a prominent citizen and business man of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan. He was born near Pottsville, Pennsylvania, in 1851, and is a son of Capt. John and Phillipa Chynoweth.

Capt. John Chynoweth was born in St. Agnes, Cornwall, England, and was two or three years of age when brought by his parents to this country. Not long after, his father was killed in a coal mine of Pennsylvania and the

widow and family returned to England, where young John remained until he was 21 years old. He then spent a period of five years in Spain, after which he came to America, locating in Pennsylvania, where he was married. He came to the copper region in Michigan in 1854, and assumed charge of the National mine, attending to the business and interests of a Pittsburg syndicate. He prepared a home for his family, his wife and three children joining him in 1855; they landed from the steamer at Ontonagon, then proceeded up the Ontonagon River to their new home. Mr. Chynoweth continued in charge of the National mine until 1876, moving then to the Mass mine, which he opened. He subsequently opened the Great Western, now a part of what is known as the Belt, and the Aztec mines, in addition to which he had charge of the Victoria and other mines. He continued very actively in the mining business until 1886, when he retired and moved to Houghton. There he resided the remainder of his life, dying February 9, 1896. He was well known in business circles and had friends throughout the Northern Peninsula. At Pittsburg, where he lived before coming to Michigan, he followed the machinist's trade, being an adept in that line, and also did the surveying and engineering for the mines with which he was connected in the Northern Peninsula. He was a public spirited citizen but never an office seeker, although he served efficiently as school officer for some time. Mrs. Phillipa Chynoweth was born in England, but was brought to this country when six years old, her parents locating in Pennsylvania. She was a daughter of Stephen Barkla, who was prominent in developing the anthracite coal regions. Six children were born to our subject's parents, namely: Mrs. H. M. Raymond, of Houghton, Michigan; Mrs. Dr. W. A. Burnham; Benjamin F., our subject; Emma; Clarence, of Houghton, Michigan; and Charles, agent for the Union Land Company, of Calumet, Michigan, who is interested in Arizona mining operations.

Benjamin F. Chynoweth was reared in Ontonagon County, Michigan, and after completing a course in high school attended Albion College. He later attended the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, for two years, and then took a business course at the Ann Arbor Business College. He became associated in business with his father, with whom he continued until 1887, and continued actively identified with mining until 1899, having charge of







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the National mine for some years. He purchased the Mass mine and operated it until 1898, when it was sold to the company that has it now in charge. Mr. Chynoweth has various mining interests in the West. He is a director of the Ontonagon County National Bank of Rockland, which was established in 1898; and was one of the organizers of the Citizens' Bank of Houghton, which was chartered July 6, 1900, and is doing a flourishing business.

In 1891 Mr. Chynoweth was united in marriage with Matilda Chynoweth, a daughter of Richard Chynoweth, of Rockland, Ontonagon County, Michigan, also a pioneer of the copper region, and they have five children, John, Curtis, Beryl, Benjamin and Theodore. Politically our subject is a Republican, and for a period of 15 years was surveyor of Ontonagon County, and also served as one of the county's supervisors. Fraternally he is a member of Rockland Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; and formerly was a member of the Knights of the Maccabees. He is a man of public spirit, and possesses many fine traits of character, which have made him many friends throughout this section of Michigan. His many business ventures have been successful, and he is rated one of the substantial men of Houghton County.



### FRANK McMILLAN STANTON.

FRANK McMILLAN STANTON, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, is well known as the agent of the Atlantic Mining Company, at Atlantic, Houghton County, Michigan. He was born in New York City in 1865, and is a son of John and Elizabeth Romaine (McMillan) Stanton.

John Stanton was born in Bristol, England, and at the present time is living in New York at the age of 73 years. He came to the United States when a small boy, accompanying his father, the latter owning coal mines in Pennsylvania. He studied engineering and at an early age took charge of his father's iron mines at Dover, New Jersey, and from 1852 to 1861 engaged in copper mining in Maryland, Virginia and Tennessee. He later developed

copper mines in the Lake Superior region, and in Arizona, and gold mines in Colorado, being still largely interested in various mining enterprises. He was one of the founders and first president of the New York Mining Stock and Petroleum Exchange, first president of the Engineers' Club of New York, a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. His wife was born in New York City, where she now lives at the age of 66 years. They had four children, of whom the three now living are: John Robert, a mining engineer in New York City, who is in charge of the Eastern offices of the Atlantic, Baltic, Central, Winona, Michigan, Mohawk and Wolverine mining companies; Helen Louise, wife of Dr. J. W. Moore, physician and surgeon for the Atlantic and Baltic mines; and Frank McMillan, our subject. Gussie died at the age of two years.

Frank McMillan Stanton, after completing the prescribed course of study in the public schools, took a mine engineering course in Columbia College, from which he was graduated. He then became agent for the time being, at the Central mine at Keweenaw Point, after which he was appointed mining engineer for the Atlantic mine. He was appointed assistant superintendent of the mine in 1889, and agent during the same year, in which capacity he is now serving. He is also one of the directors of the First National Bank of Houghton, agent of the Baltic mine, and agent of the Phoenix and Central mines.

The Atlantic Mining Company was formed by the consolidation of the former company bearing that name, owning the South Pewabic mine, with a capital stock of \$500,000, with the Adams Mining Company, whose capital stock was also \$500,000. Combined the capital stock was \$1,000,000, there being 40,000 shares of \$25 each. About \$700,000, or \$17.50 per share, had been paid in before the consolidation, which took effect December 31, 1872. The Atlantic Mining Company now has a capital stock of \$2,500,000, divided into 100,000 shares of \$25 each. Joseph E. Gay is president of the company; John Stanton, treasurer; and John Robert Stanton, secretary. The directory includes such able men as Joseph E. Gay, John Robert Stanton, J. W. Hardley, Samuel L. Smith, John Stanton, William C. Stuart and William A. Paine.

While in college Mr. Stanton belonged to a "Greek Letter" society, and is now a member of the Sons of the Revolution, Sons of St. Andrew, Sons of St. George, American Society of Civil Engineers, American Institute of Mining Engineers, the Lake Superior Mining Institute, the Franklin Institute of Pennsylvania, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Oneganing Yacht Club, the Houghton Club and the Mis-cawabik Club of Calumet, Michigan. Religiously, Mr. Stanton is a member of the Presbyterian Church.



### JOSEPH HAAS.

JOSEPH HAAS, residing a little to the east of the village of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, and proprietor of the beautiful Haas Park, a favorite summer resort for picnics and excursions, was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1845, and is a son of Adam Haas.

Adam Haas, who was a cabinet-maker by trade, brought his family to this country in 1851, first locating in New York City. For two years he followed his trade in Brooklyn, and in 1853 removed to the copper region of the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, being one of the pioneers. He landed first at Eagle River, but soon after removed to the head waters of Portage Lake, locating on the land through which the canal was later constructed, which land he sold at a handsome profit. During 1853 and 1854 he worked in the mines near Houghton, then resided two years at the canal, after which he removed to Houghton, which place continued to be his home until his death,—a period of 20 years. His first business in Houghton was the starting of a line of boats, plying between Houghton and Eagle River, carrying freight and passengers. This he conducted about two years, and for a like period conducted a retail liquor store. In 1859 he started the brewery, which is still operated under the firm name of the A. Haas Brewing Company. He began with a 10-barrel copper kettle, gradually increasing his plant to its present capacity, which is about 25,000 barrels per annum. He worked up

a very large local trade, which extends throughout the Northern Peninsula. He also became the owner of large landed interests in the county and adjoining counties. After the death of Adam Haas the brewery was conducted by his two sons and four daughters, Joseph Haas being president, and Adolph Haas, vice-president and collector. The directorate included the other children. Adam Haas was a staunch Republican in politics, serving several terms as highway commissioner, also as county coroner. Mrs. Haas died about 1888. The daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Haas are: Frances, wife of Matthew McConnell, a retired railway conductor residing near Haas Park, Houghton County, Michigan; Gretchen, wife of Mr. C. Fox; Eva, wife of Rudolph Richter of Kansas City, Kansas; and Lillie, wife of George Risewitz of Houghton, Michigan.

Joseph Haas was about six years old when he came to this country, and his school training in the Houghton County schools was supplemented by a year of study in Detroit. In 1862 he enlisted under Capt. C. D. Sheldon and Lieut. Graham Pope in Company I, 23rd Reg., Michigan Vol. Inf., attached to the 23rd Army Corps, and saw three years of hard service, his right arm being injured seriously in one engagement. He entered upon a business career at an early age, and upon the death of his father became president of the A. Haas Brewing Company. He devoted practically all of his attention to the business of this concern until in 1901, when it was sold to a company of which Joseph Strobel is president. It is still conducted under its old name. Since 1901 Mr. Haas has engaged in speculative operations with success. He purchased his present beautiful home in 1889, of Mr. Chassell, formerly cashier of the bank at Houghton. He has improved the place materially and established the beautiful Haas Park, in which are a number of deer. A dam has been constructed and an artificial pond, in which are many fine speckled trout. The park contains some 15 acres.

Mr. Haas was united in marriage with Miss Haun, a sister of Frank Haun, a merchant of Dollar Bay, Houghton County, and 16 children blessed their union, only two of whom are dead, namely: Blanche, who died at the age of eight years; and Chassell, who died at the age of one year. Those living are: Rudolph, a veteran of the Spanish-American War, now in charge of the Houghton County poor farm, and food inspector for the

Northern Peninsula, who was formerly county treasurer, being the only Democrat ever elected to that office; Josie, whose husband, Theodore Dengler, is a civil and mining engineer at the Atlantic mine; Albert, a brewer in business at Redbridge, Houghton County; Frank, who is with Engineer Theodore Dengler at the Atlantic mine; Mrs. Hattie Reneau, of Houghton, whose husband is connected with the *Mining Gazette* printing office; Florence, wife of Elza Ingraham, stenographer in the law office of Chadbourne & Rees; Mata; Rosie; Laura; Evangeline; Vallory; Marcella; Ralph; and Hulbert. Although he has never accepted of office, Mr. Haas has been active in politics, and has attended numerous conventions. He was formerly a Democrat, but in recent years has been a Republican. He is a member of Hancock Post, G. A. R., in which he has filled all the chairs; and formerly was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In religious views the family are Catholics.

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### GEORGE H. NICHOLS.

GEORGE H. NICHOLS, one of the solid, substantial and representative citizens of Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, engaged in the drug business, was born on Quincy Hill, Hancock, Michigan, and is a son of Stephen and Grace (Williams) Nichols, both of whom were born in Cornwall, England.

Stephen Nichols died at the age of 60 years, in 1871, having come to the United States in young manhood. He first located in Keweenaw County, Michigan, and removed to Hancock in 1853 as carpenter boss in mine work. He was a much respected citizen. In politics he was a Republican. In religious faith he was a Methodist, as was his wife. She died in 1897, at the age of 72 years. Of their fourteen children, eight still survive.

George H. Nichols was educated in the common schools at Hancock until he was 13 years of age, when he began the business career which has been so successful. During eight years of clerking in a drug store, he

learned the business, and in 1886 he went into the same line himself and is now a leading druggist of Hancock.

In 1895 Mr. Nichols married Agnes Van Orden Horton, who was born in Michigan in 1874, and was a daughter of Rev. Jacob Horton. Mrs. Nichols died in 1897. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, in which her father was a minister. In politics Mr. Nichols is a Republican. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and the Sons of St. George. He has numerous business interests in his locality and is one of the directors of the First National Bank of Hancock.



### E. L. WRIGHT.

E. L. WRIGHT, district agent at Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is one of the town's leading and representative citizens. Mr. Wright was born in 1847 in Connecticut, and is a son of Rev. James L. and Lucy (North) Wright, both families being of English descent and the North family of much prominence in the vicinity of Hartford, Connecticut. Rev. James L. Wright was a graduate of Yale College, and a minister in the Congregational Church for many years. His death took place in 1871. The members of the family, exclusive of our subject, were: J. N., of Detroit; Joseph H., who died while a member of the Federal Army, after incarceration in Libby Prison; and Mrs. Carter, wife of Professor Carter, of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music.

E. L. Wright removed to Houghton County, Michigan, in the fall of 1864 to join his brother, J. N. Wright, who was at that time a clerk at the Quincy mine. For 17 years the latter was superintendent of the Calumet & Hecla mine and was a prominent man in the locality. In 1894 he removed to Detroit. In 1868 our subject engaged in a general mercantile business at Springfield, Missouri, but in 1873 he returned to Houghton County and engaged in a general insurance business until six years ago, when he sold it, and since then has represented the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance

Company as district agent, having a number of agents working under him. He was secretary and treasurer of the Sturgeon River Lumber Company for some seventeen years. The plant was removed to Chassell and, later, Mr. Wright acted as trustee for six years, the concern now going by the name of Worcester Lumber Company. Mr. Wright has many business connections which claim much of his attention, and he is on the board of directors of the Superior Savings Bank of Hancock, Michigan, and the First National Bank of Lake Linden, Michigan.

Mr. Wright married a daughter of Rev. Barton S. Taylor, former pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Houghton, Michigan. The children born to this union are: E. T., a graduate from the scientific department of Yale College, who is now assistant manager of the Great Falls Iron Works, of Great Falls, Montana; Howard G., who is employed at the Boston & Montana smelters at Great Falls, Montana; Bertha, a graduate of Oberlin College in the class of 1903; Lucy; and Helen, a student in the Hancock High School. The pleasant family residence is situated at No. 305 Water street.

For the past twenty-nine consecutive years Mr. Wright has been the superintendent of the Congregational Church Sunday-school, and is president of the Hancock Young Men's Christian Association. This institution was established in Hancock by C. A. Stringer, formerly a partner of Mr. Wright. In all things contributing to the progress and development of his section Mr. Wright has borne a part and he has been especially interested in the promotion of educational and moral development. For twenty years he has been on the School Board and by example and precept does all he can to further its usefulness.

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#### L. L. HUBBARD, PH. D.

L. L. HUBBARD, Ph. D., general manager of the Champion Copper Company, a geologist who has spent much time in the study of the copper district of Michigan, was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1849. He was educated in the common and high schools of that city, spent two years at Phillips Exeter Academy, then entered Harvard College, where he was graduated in



1872. He made two trips abroad, studying at Heidelberg, also at the great Bonn University, that distinguished seat of learning, where he was given his degrees of A. M. and Ph. D.

In 1891 Dr. Hubbard came to the Northern Peninsula as an assistant on the State Geological Survey, and became one of the instructors in the Michigan Mining School. In 1893 he was appointed State Geologist, and served six years. Finding the work of the Geological Survey hampered by the State Board of Auditors, he resigned and accepted his present position.

The Champion mine is owned by the Copper Range Consolidated and St. Mary's Canal Mineral Land Company. It has four shafts, a stamp mill containing four stamp-heads; employs from 600 to 700 men, and is one of the large and important industries of the locality.

Dr. Hubbard and family reside at Painesdale, the location of the Champion mine, named for William A. Paine, who is president of the Champion Copper Company.

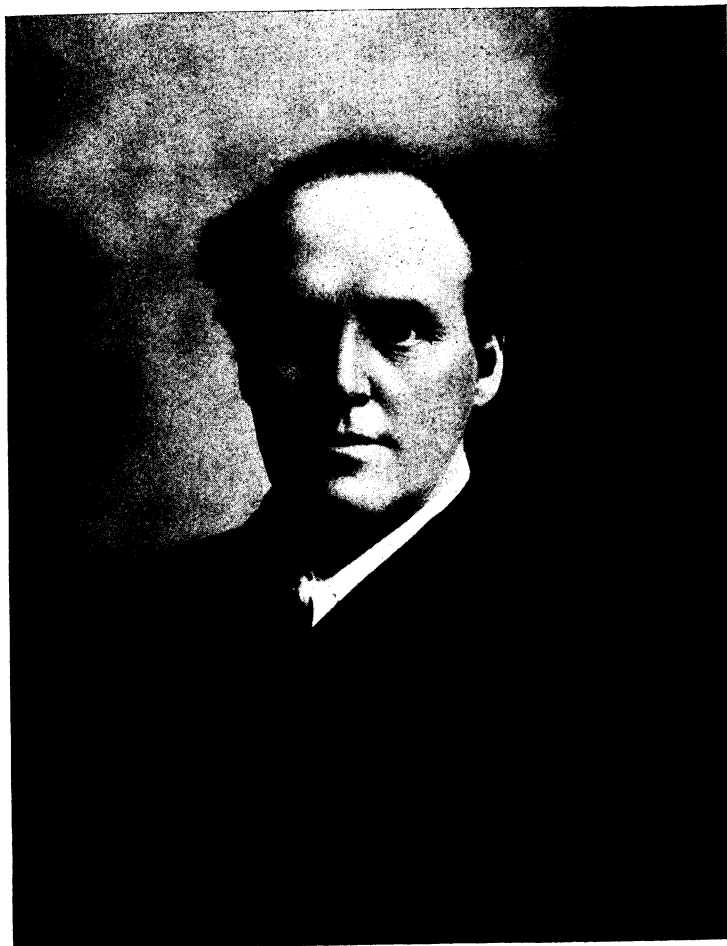


### J. G. TURNER, M. D.

J. G. TURNER, M. D., one of the most eminent and widely known physicians and surgeons of the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, and a most highly regarded citizen of Houghton, was born, reared and educated at Baltimore, Maryland. His father, who for many years has been a prominent merchant in Baltimore, is also well known in Houghton, where he has frequently been a visitor.

Dr. Turner's medical education was secured in the city of Baltimore, and he graduated at the University of Maryland in 1878, when just past his 21st birthday. After a little more than a year's practice, he came West and located at L'Anse, Baraga County, Michigan, under a government appointment, and for many years was practically the only physician in that county, remaining there until 1898. In 1892, when the Indian agency was abolished at L'Anse, Dr. Turner became acting Indian agent as well as physician. In





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1900 he located at Houghton, having for the two previous years lived at the Arcadian mine, of which he was physician. He now has medical charge of both the Arcadian and Isle Royal mines, being assisted by Dr. Jackson.

In 1881 Dr. Turner married a daughter of William Harris, an early resident of this section, and they have two daughters. The pleasant family home is situated in East Houghton, and the Doctor has commodious offices in the Leopold Building on Shelden street. He is a valued member of both county and State medical societies, and is also a member of Houghton Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and during his residence at L'Anse was a member and the examining physician of the Knights of Pythias, the Woodmen and other leading orders in which he took an active part. Dr. Turner enjoys the esteem of the whole community as a citizen, and, as stated above, is a very prominent member of the medical profession in Northern Michigan.



### HON. A. J. SCOTT.

HON. A. J. SCOTT, one of the most public-spirited citizens of Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, whose portrait is herewith shown, is mayor of the city and has been identified with many of its leading enterprises. He has also served for a period of 26 years as chief of the fire department, which he was instrumental in organizing, and has rendered invaluable service to the city in protecting public property.

Mr. Scott was born near London, Canada, in 1848, and was still in infancy when his father died. He was reared by relatives in Wisconsin, where he attended the public schools. Although but a boy when the Civil War was in progress, he enlisted in Company D, 52nd Reg., Wisconsin Vol. Inf., in the fall of 1863. With his regiment he left the State in 1864, and was attached to the 17th Army Corps, most of his term of service being spent in Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia, where he participated in numerous engagements. He was later sent west along the line of the Union Pacific

Railroad, which was then being constructed, to guard against the Indians. He returned from the West in December, 1865, and in 1866 came to the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, locating in Houghton County, where he first engaged as a laborer in the lumbering business, being identified with a saw-mill. His next position was as clerk in the drug store of M. J. McGern, whose brother, Colonel McGern, is prominent in the militia circles of the State. The store was destroyed by fire in 1869, after which our subject established a small drug store near where the First National Bank is now situated. He has been in the drug business practically all the time since, and has a very fine store. Owing to his extensive interests, he has been unable to give his personal attention to the store in recent years. In 1870 Mr. Scott wrote notices calling together the citizens for the organization of a fire department. These notices were posted by Christ. Brenner and resulted in the much needed organization being effected. Mr. Scott has had the honor of serving as fire chief almost continuously since its organization. In 1882, the Village Council requested him to re-organize the Hancock Fire Department, which he did; under the new system, the department was to have a membership of 20 men, each drawing a salary of \$5 per month. This was the first fire company in the county, but since then all other towns in the county have followed Mr. Scott's plan and have departments consisting of 20 members. Our subject is superintendent of the City Water Works, and really installed the first pumping station in 1890, and the new and larger pump in 1902. He was one of the organizers of the Upper Peninsula Firemen's Association, of which he was at one time the president. He was seven times elected president of the village of Hancock, and is the first mayor of the city since its incorporation. He has also been supervisor of Hancock township for upward of 24 years. He is vice-president of the First National Bank of Hancock, a director of the Superior Trust Company, president of the Eva Mining Company, and director of the Hancock Loan, Mortgage and Surety Company, which was organized in 1902.

Mr. Scott was united in marriage with a Philadelphia lady, a niece of Mr. R. H. Brelsford, deceased, who was well-known in this county. Three daughters have blessed this union, all of whom are now attending school. Fraternally, Mr. Scott is a member of the B. P. O. E., and is adjutant of

E. R. Stiles Post, No. 174, G. A. R., of which he was one of the organizers in 1885. He is a man representative of the highest type of citizenship, and is exceedingly popular throughout Houghton County.



### CASPER BRAND.

CASPER BRAND, who has been a resident of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, for a period of more than 44 years, is township clerk, village clerk and justice of the peace, the three offices being merged into one. He has held these offices since 1890, and that he has served efficiently is shown by the fact that each time he has been re-elected with very little opposition. As a justice of the peace he has served for 20 years.

Mr. Brand was born in Detroit, Michigan, March 7, 1856, and was but an infant when he was taken by his parents to Houghton. His father, Joseph Brand, was born in Bavaria, Germany, and came to this country some four or five years previous to locating in Houghton in 1859. He was a miner by occupation. He was a staunch Republican in politics, and died in 1868. His wife, mother of our subject, was born in Southern Germany, and came to this country somewhat earlier than her husband. She died in 1872.

Casper Brand has a brother, George Brand, who is highway commissioner of Portage township, Houghton County, and proprietor of a dray and transfer line at Houghton. A sister, Frances, is the wife of N. Loth of Stevensville, Michigan. A half-sister, daughter of our subject's mother by a second marriage, is married and lives at Lake Linden.

Casper Brand was reared and educated at Houghton, and early in life engaged in the mercantile business, handling groceries, fruits and vegetables. He continued in that business until elected justice of the peace. He continued to serve as such up to the present time, and in 1890 was made township and village clerk as well. For the past 17 years he has been treasurer of the local fire department, of which Louis Voetsch is chief, the latter com-

bining the duties of that position with those that appertain to the office of village marshal. The members of the department number 35, of which number 16 are in the paid service. The City Hall, in which Mr. Brand's office is situated, is the headquarters of the department, and is located at the corner of Huron and Montezuma streets. It is most conveniently arranged, well lighted and furnished, handsome pictures adorning the walls. A library, which was established by some of the public spirited ladies of the town, occupies a corner room. Mr. Brand is also president of the Upper Peninsular Firemen's Association, which was organized July 10, 1894. He has ever been active in politics, and is an ardent Republican.

Mr. Brand was united in marriage with Catherine Baker, who was born in Austria, and is a daughter of John Baker. They have four children: Catherine, William, Russell and Edna. The family home is at Shelden and Portage streets, Central Houghton. Fraternally Mr. Brand is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen; and Tribe of St. Joseph, at Hancock, Michigan. Religiously he and his family are members of St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Church.



### COURTNEY C. DOUGLASS.

COURTNEY C. DOUGLASS, who is the representative and manager of the C. C. Douglass estate and interests in the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, is a well known resident of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan. He was born in 1862 at Algonac, St. Clair County, Michigan, and is a son of Columbus C. and Lydia Reed (Smith) Douglass.

Columbus C. Douglass was born at Fredonia, New York, about 1812, and was a son of Christopher Douglass, who removed to Mount Clemens, Michigan, about 1833, being originally from New London, Connecticut. A year or two later he removed to Walworth County, Wisconsin, where he resided until his death. Columbus C. Douglass first came to the Northern Peninsula in 1838, acting then as assistant to his cousin, Dr. Douglass

Houghton, who was appointed the first State Geologist of Michigan. Dr. Douglass Houghton was born at Fredonia, New York, and was a professor at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, at Troy, New York, when he was requested by the Governor of the Territory of Michigan to deliver a course of lectures at Detroit. Dr. Houghton accepted the commission and went to Detroit in 1830. He continued his geological surveys and examinations up to the time of his death, by accidental drowning, near Eagle River, Michigan, in October, 1845.

Columbus C. Douglass, who had been his cousin's assistant, then prepared himself to continue these interesting and valuable explorations, by taking a number of special winter courses at Boston, in geology, mineralogy, mining and chemistry. At one time he was at the head of several exploration and mining companies, and he was also engaged in securing land and developing mining interests. He was particularly successful in interesting outside capital in the development of the resources of this rich country. Shortly after the death of Dr. Houghton, Mr. Douglass formed a co-partnership with Ransom Sheldon, his brother-in-law, and they engaged in mercantile enterprises, continuing the acquisition of lands and the development of the country's resources. This partnership continued until the death of the principals and the two estates are still jointly interested in the real estate acquired during the co-partnership. To further the interesting of outside capital, Mr. Douglass had, in 1862, taken up his residence in New York City. His death occurred at London, England, in 1874.

The wife of Columbus C. Douglass was Lydia Reed Smith, who was born at Algonac, St. Clair County, Michigan, and who was a daughter of John K. Smith, an attorney and a prominent man, for many years, in Detroit and vicinity. Mr. Smith was born in Westchester County, New York, and for a period practiced law near Plattsburg, and was there also interested in the lumber business, which was practically destroyed at the outbreak of the War of 1812. He then removed to Detroit, which at that time was a small trading post, and went later to Algonac, 45 miles above, on the St. Clair River, where he acquired some property and became a prominent man. Our subject's only sister, Mrs. N. Y. Worrall, resides at Philadelphia.

Courtney C. Douglass was educated at New York, and attended school



at Flushing, on Long Island, and at South Williamston and other points. For several years he was connected with New York City banking houses, and came to Houghton in 1887 to represent the Douglass interests. With his family he resides at Houghton.

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### H. B. ROGERS.

H. B. ROGERS, a well known merchant at Quincy, Houghton County, Michigan, has been an esteemed resident and business man of that county since 1866, when he located in Calumet, having been but recently mustered out of the Federal Army. Mr. Rogers was born in 1837, in Monroe County, New York, and came first to the State of Michigan in 1855.

The Rogers family has been traced back through several generations to France, but at the time of the Revolutionary War our subject's great-grandfather was a resident of New York. Both grandfather and father were farmers by occupation. Late in life the latter removed to Wisconsin, where he died.

Mr. Rogers was educated at the Michigan State Normal School, at Ypsilanti, after which he was engaged in clerking at Lansing, Michigan, until he enlisted for services in the Civil War. In 1862, when he first enlisted in the 6th Michigan Regiment, it was an infantry command, but was soon after changed to cavalry, and he served as an officer of Custer's brigade. He participated in the many engagements of the regiment, notably the three days at Gettysburg, where he escaped injury, only to be wounded a few days later, in the eye, during a skirmish, which necessitated his going to the hospital at Washington, D. C. Being thus incapacitated for active duty, he did not re-enter the service, or perhaps he might have continued until the time of the famous massacre of his gallant commander in Wyoming.

After the war, as stated, Mr. Rogers came to the Northern Peninsula, and located in Calumet, Houghton County, which city was then but a hamlet, but he saw the possibilities of the locality and decided to remain. He entered

into a mercantile business as a partner in the firm of Smith, Harris & Company. In 1876 this partnership was dissolved and our subject removed to Franklin, where he engaged in the fresh meat and supply business, which he has since continued, and is the only merchant at Quincy so engaged. His establishment is one of the most prosperous concerns in the town, and he employs six assistants.

In the month of August, 1871, Mr. Rogers was married to Miss M. F. Russell, who was born on the St. Clair River, near Detroit, and they have five sons and two daughters, viz.: Harry, who is a merchant at the Franklin Jr., mine; Benjamin, who is engaged in an insurance business at Milwaukee, Wisconsin; William, who is a railroad man; Don, who is engaged in his father's store at Quincy; Frank, deceased; Catherine, who is the wife of Hon. William A. Rublee, consul-general to Vienna; and Laura, who makes her home with her uncle, Frank L. Vance, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The family residence is on Quincy Hill.

In politics Mr. Rogers is a Republican, and he has most acceptably filled a number of township offices. He is past commander of E. R. Stiles Post, G. A. R., and is a member of Calumet Lodge, A. F. & A. M.



### HON. JAY A. HUBBELL.

HON. JAY A. HUBBELL, deceased, was for eight years a member of the United States Congress, and his name became familiar not alone to the citizens of Michigan, but throughout the United States, true merit and ability receiving their due recognition. He was known as the father of the Michigan College of Mines, located at Houghton, and that city has him to thank for its location there and the securing of the large appropriation that provided for its success.

Judge Hubbell was born in Avon township, Oakland County, Michigan, September 15, 1829, and was a son of Samuel S. Hubbell. The family came

to Michigan from Connecticut, and Samuel S. Hubbell was one of the early settlers of Oakland County, Michigan, where he located in 1820.

Our subject attended the district schools of Avon township during the winter terms until he reached the age of 18, when he attended Rochester Academy at Rochester, Oakland County, Michigan, for two years. He then studied two years more at Romeo High School. In the fall of 1850 he was in a position, financially, to enter the literary department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, where he spent three years and graduated in 1853. He then taught school in order to secure the money with which to complete his education and prepare himself for the bar. In the meantime he read law in the office of Judge Manning of Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan, and later studied in the office of Howard, Bishop & Holdbrook at Detroit, being admitted to practice by the Supreme Court of Michigan in 1855. He then started for the Northern Peninsula, landing at Ontonagon, Ontonagon County, June 17, 1855, with but \$3 in capital, and it is said that he was in debt to the captain of the steamer that brought him up from Sault Ste. Marie. Shortly after his arrival he went into partnership with A. H. Hanscomb, but for the three years following his practice was very limited. In 1858 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Ontonagon County, and was appointed district attorney of the Northern Peninsula. He moved to Houghton, Houghton County, in 1860, and was soon well established in a lucrative practice. In 1861 he was elected prosecuting attorney for Houghton County. He was thereafter frequently called upon to fill positions of honor. In 1876 he was State commissioner to the Centennial Exposition held at Philadelphia. He made his first appearance in national politics as a member of the House of Representatives of the 43rd Congress, and was re-elected to the succeeding three houses. He served on the ways and means committee, the most important and most sought for committee of Congress, and during a larger part of the time was chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee. He was elected judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit and served until his retirement January 1, 1900. He was a man who commanded the respect and admiration of all who knew him, and the people from all walks and stations of life were treated by him with the same kindly consideration. His death is sadly lamented as an irreparable loss to the





JAMES SINCLAIR STRINGER.

community in which he lived, and he will long live in the memory of his fellow citizens who knew him so well, many of whom he had frequently befriended.

Judge Hubbell was married in 1861 to Florence Doolittle at Ontonagon, Michigan, and they had two children, namely: Florence, wife of Lessing Karger of Houghton, Michigan; and Blanche D., wife of Lieut. H. E. Smith, U. S. A. Our subject was a prominent Mason, and a member of Montrose Commandery, K. T., of Calumet; Saladin Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and Grand Rapids Consistory, S. P. R. S. He died at his home in Houghton, surrounded by his relatives and loving friends.



### JAMES SINCLAIR STRINGER.

JAMES SINCLAIR STRINGER, who is extensively engaged in a lumber and fuel business at Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, and operates the only planing mill in the place, was born in 1854 in Wayne County, Michigan, and he is a son of William and Agnes (Sinclair) Stringer, both of whom were born in Ireland.

William Stringer came to the United States with his parents in young manhood, locating in Wayne County, near Detroit, where he entered 160 acres of land and engaged in farming and keeping a store. He was a most worthy citizen and for many years a leading member and a deacon of the Presbyterian Church of his locality. He was one of the founders of what is known as the "Stringer Church." He married Agnes Sinclair, who was born in Ireland, of Scotch parentage. Her death took place in 1897, at the age of 68 years, surviving her husband a long time. Their three children are: James Sinclair, the eldest of the family; Joseph, who is State agent for Minnesota at Minneapolis for the Detroit Life Insurance Company; and Margaret, who married Roger W. Cady, and resides at Minneapolis, where her husband is superintendent of a piano establishment.

James S. Stringer located in Hancock, Houghton County, in 1885,

engaging in the lumber business for the Sturgeon River Lumber Company as yard salesman. In 1894 he bought out the company and has since been successfully engaged in the same line. He has a number of other interests, including his large planing mill and the handling of much real estate, the greater part of which is his own property.

In 1889 Mr. Stringer married Jennie W. White, who was born in Canada in 1863, and is a daughter of James and Janett (Waddell) White. The one child born to this union is deceased. Both our subject and wife belong to the Congregational Church and he is identified with the Young Men's Christian Association. His portrait accompanies this sketch.



### JEREMIAH T. FINNEGAN.

JEREMIAH T. FINNEGAN, one of the best known lawyers of Houghton County, is a prominent resident of the city of Hancock. He was born at Cliff Mine, in Cliff township, Houghton (now Keweenaw) County, Michigan, in 1850, and was one of eight children born to his parents, Michael and Margaret (Tracey) Finnegan, both natives of Ireland.

Michael Finnegan was born in Killarney, County Kerry, Ireland, in 1819. Coming to this country early in life, he located at Copper Harbor June 20, 1846, and was one of the first to follow mining in that locality. He continued until 1852, then contracted in the timber and wood business, and also engaged in building roads, etc. He was elected sheriff of Houghton County on the Democratic ticket in 1856, and served two terms of two years each. He subsequently followed farming near Houghton, in Portage township, until his death, in 1897, at the age of 78 years. He also served as a member of the Town Board, and was justice of the peace of Portage township for many years. He was Presidential elector of the Twelfth District of Michigan on the Tilden and Hendricks ticket of 1876. His wife survived him but six months. They were parents of the following children: Mary, wife of Albert Brunett, who is foreman carpenter at Hodge's Foundry

at Houghton, Michigan; Jeremiah T.; Bridget A., wife of Dr. J. E. Scallon of Hancock, Michigan; Margaret E., who lives on the old homestead at Houghton, Michigan; Mrs. Nellie E. Kasper, a widow, residing at Houghton, Michigan; Annie J., wife of Edward F. Bishop of Detroit, Michigan, a prominent business man who was a United States consul under Cleveland; Michael J., a farmer of Portage township, Houghton County; and Catherine, deceased, who was the wife of Ferdinand McDevitt, a railroad conductor of Keokuk, Iowa.

Jeremiah T. Finnegan accompanied his parents to Eagle Harbor, where his father opened a store in 1852, and in 1856 moved to Houghton, when his father was elected sheriff. He attended the Houghton High School from its opening and was a member of the first class to graduate, in 1869. At an early age he chose to enter the legal profession, and began the study of the law in various offices at Houghton. He then attended the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and graduated with the class of 1873. He was admitted to the Supreme Court of Michigan at that time, and then went into the office of Attorney E. Y. Swift, of Detroit, Michigan. In the fall of 1874 he returned to Houghton County, where he successfully engaged in practice. When Baraga County was separated from Houghton County he was elected prosecuting attorney of the former, which he had assisted in organizing. He returned to Houghton in the fall of 1875, having received various professional inducements, and has since practiced in Houghton County. His office continued to be at Houghton until 1885, where he served several terms as village attorney and commissioner of the Circuit Court of the county. In January, 1886, he moved to Hancock, where he served 15 successive terms as village attorney. He attended to the legal work in the incorporation of the city of Hancock, which was effected in March, 1903. Mr. Finnegan's office is in the Wright Building, and included among his clients are the Superior Trust Company, the Superior Savings Bank and other important concerns of his section. He is widely known throughout Houghton County and the Northern Peninsula, and numbers his friends almost by the number of his acquaintances.

Mr. Finnegan was united in marriage with Margaret Hennesy, of St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, and they have one son, Hennesy M., who was



born in 1889 and is attending the Hancock schools. In politics our subject is a staunch Cleveland Democrat, and was not in sympathy with the Chicago and Kansas City platforms of the Democratic party. Fraternally he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Hancock. He is a member of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church of Hancock, of which Rev. T. J. Atfield is pastor.

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### AUGUST L. KRELLWITZ.

AUGUST L. KRELLWITZ, proprietor of the largest furniture and undertaking establishment in Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, was born in that village in 1860, and is a son of Louis and Helena (Trilling) Krellwitz, both natives of Germany.

Louis Krellwitz came to this country from Germany, locating in Wisconsin about 1849. He served in the Sheboygan Rifle Company No. 1, from 1853 to 1860, being honorably discharged on April 1st of the latter year. He was a cooper and carpenter by trade, being active up to the time of his death, in October, 1885. His wife died February 16, 1900, at the age of 62 years. They were parents of 11 children, as follows: Matilda, wife of August Monette, who was formerly in business with our subject; Cora, who is unmarried; August L.; Hugo, a painter of Houghton, Michigan; Louis, a merchant of Houghton, Michigan; Henry, who is head binder at the *Mining Gazette* office in Houghton, Michigan; Emma, wife of Benjamin Schwartz, who is now living in the West; Frances, wife of John Crawford, an undertaker of Hancock, Michigan; Otto, a book binder by trade; Helen, wife of Martin Conway, an insurance man of Hancock, Michigan; and Fred, who died in 1874, at the age of 18 months.

August L. Krellwitz was reared and educated in the schools of Houghton, and during his school days his first work was in the employ of Dr. Hafenreffer. He next worked for Kehl Brothers, in the meat business, and then took up the trade of cabinet-making with Theodore Lange, and later for Edw. Siller, who is now deceased. When the firm of Shelden &

Lange succeeded Mr. Siller, Mr. Krellwitz engaged with them at cabinet work for about one year. He embarked in business for himself, at the present stand, about the year 1888, in partnership with his brother-in-law, under the firm name of Krellwitz & Monette, as undertakers and cabinet workers. Our subject bought out Mr. Monette in April, 1890, and has since been in business alone. In 1891 he added a stock of furniture, and this branch of his business has grown to such an extent that he now carries the best line of goods in the village. As an embalmer he has certificates from Professor Sullivan's and Professor Clark's schools, and is licensed by the Michigan State Board of Health. He is a self made man in every sense of the word, having begun life with little or no capital and having worked his way to the front rank of business men in the community.

Mr. Krellwitz was united in marriage with Emma Davis, a native of Houghton County, Michigan. Politically he is an unswerving supporter of the Republican party. Fraternally he is a member of the Foresters, Knights of the Maccabees, Modern Woodmen of America, German Aid Society and the Sons of Hermann.

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### CAPT. S. B. HARRIS.

CAPT. S. B. HARRIS, president of the First National Bank of Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, has been a prominent resident of the Northern Peninsula of Michigan for a period of almost half a century. Until recently he was superintendent of the Quincy mine, and is still financially interested in it to a great extent.

Captain Harris was born in Cornwall, England, in 1834, and while still a resident there served four years, commencing at 12 years of age, as a surveyor's assistant, and began mining at the age of 16 years. In 1854 he came to America, spending two years in the lead mines of Wisconsin, then removing to Ontonagon, Michigan, in 1856, engaging as a miner at the Minnesota mine. His surveying work and subsequent familiarity with the profession proved very valuable to him. For the first few years he was engaged

at many different places and mines in the Lake Superior mining region. His first charge, during 1864-65, was at the Mesnard & Pontiac, now a part of the Quincy; he was then mining captain of the Phoenix for about two years; and was with the Eagle Harbor Copper Company two years. In 1868 Captain Harris went to the Calumet as assistant mining captain for a time; then was mining captain of the Franklin, which is now under charge of Captain Hoskins; was for 13 years with the Ridge, Adventure and other properties now belonging to the Mass and Adventure mines; and in 1884 became superintendent of the Quincy mine. Captain Harris continued as superintendent of the last named mine until he retired, in 1902, when he was succeeded by his son, John L. Harris. He still holds considerable stock in the Quincy Mining Company, whose offices are in New York City. The officers are: W. R. Todd, president; C. J. Devereux of Boston, vice-president; W. A. O. Paul of New York, secretary and treasurer. The members of the board of directors are: Messrs. Meserve and Brigham of Boston, Massachusetts; Dodge, Bliss and Todd of New York City; and Don M. Dickinson of Detroit, Michigan.

For a number of years past Captain Harris has been president of the First National Bank of Hancock, an institution which was founded May 18, 1874, and is the oldest in the city. Its promoters were: S. D. North, deceased, J. W. Wright, Charles E. Holland, deceased, Thomas L. Chadbourne, Graham Pope, Joseph H. Chandler, Peter Ruppe and Edgar H. Towar, who is now president of the Marquette National Bank. The first officers were: S. D. North, president; James A. Close, vice-president; and Edgar H. Towar, cashier. The present officers are: Samuel B. Harris, president; A. J. Scott, vice-president; William Condon, who succeeded Mr. Towar as cashier in 1888, and who has since continued in that capacity; and M. M. Shea, assistant cashier. The present board of directors is constituted as follows: William H. Roberts, Charles D. Hanchette, Samuel B. Harris, Michael Finn, John Funkey, George H. Nichols and A. J. Scott. The capital stock of this bank is \$100,000, and the surplus is \$35,000, showing the bank to be in a very prosperous condition. The First National Bank Building was erected in 1877, and was greatly enlarged in 1901, making it a substantial three-story building.

Captain Harris' wife died in May, 1900, leaving three children: James, an attorney-at-law of Lansing, Michigan; Mrs. C. D. Hanchette of Hancock, Michigan; and John L., superintendent of the Quincy mine. Politically our subject is an unswerving supporter of the principles advocated by the Republican party, and has served as supervisor for nearly 15 years. For more than 30 years he has been a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



### CAPT. THOMAS WHITTLE.

CAPT. THOMAS WHITTLE, chief mining captain of the Quincy Mining Company, located in Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, in August, 1877, since which time he has been identified with this section of the State. Captain Whittle was born January 1, 1845, near Truro, in Cornwall, England, and was reared in the Cornwall mines as he began work in them at an extremely early age. The exigencies and surroundings of his youthful life made it impossible for him to obtain any educational advantages, but with indomitable energy and resolution he supplied all deficiencies later in life and stands to-day on the same plane as do many others with shadows of collegiate walls behind them.

In the early "seventies" Captain Whittle went to South America, where he first engaged in copper mining in the upper mining district near the seaport of Chanaral, Chile. There he spent five years and then came to the Lake Superior copper mining regions, settling at Houghton. His first work was with the Quincy Mining Company in 1877. It was in 1880 that he accepted the position of assistant mining captain under Capt. John Cliff, and when he went to the Pewabic Mining Company in 1882 it was as chief mining captain. The Pewabic mine is now called the North Quincy, it having been purchased some 10 years ago by the Quincy Mining Company. His connection with the Huron mine lasted five years, from 1885 to 1889, his association with Capt. Johnson Vivian continuing seven years. In 1889 he was

requested to accept his present position. At that time the Quincy mine was only about one-eighth its present size or capacity, the output having been increased, during our subject's connection, from 400 to 3,200 tons per month. Stamp mills and new smelters have been erected, also new shaft houses, and the mine has been enlarged fully eight times its old size. Captain Whittle is now operating five shafts, the deepest being down some 5,000 feet.

In 1866 Captain Whittle married a lady from his native locality, and their seven children still survive, two of them being married. The record is as follows: William H., cashier of the Mass City Bank in Ontonagon County, Michigan; Bessie, wife of John F. Ryan of Hancock, Michigan; Alice, wife of John C. Jeffrey, teller in the Superior Savings Bank of Hancock, Michigan; and Lavina (Vinnie), Belle, Albert Melvin and Lina May, who are at home. The family residence is on Quincy Hill.

Politically Captain Whittle is a stanch Republican, and he has most acceptably served as justice of the peace, as school inspector and in other township offices. Fraternally he is a charter member of Quincy Lodge, No. 172, Ancient Order of United Workmen, which has a membership of 200 with a ladies' auxiliary. For the past 35 years he has been a member of the Methodist Church, and has served repeatedly on its official board. Captain Whittle is a notable example of a successful, self made man.



### HON. JAMES C. DUNSTAN.

HON. JAMES C. DUNSTAN, State Representative from Houghton County, and one of the leading citizens and prominent politicians of the county, residing at Dollar Bay, was born in 1847 in England, where he resided until 1869. He is a son of the late John Dunstan, who was also born in England. John Dunstan became a mining superintendent in Cornwall, England, prior to his death there in 1873. His widow died there in 1900. They had a family of six children born to them, namely: William, who died in 1867; John, of Calumet, Michigan; James C., our subject; Thomas,





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of Lake Linden, Michigan; Kate, residing in England; and Annie, who died in that country.

James C. Dunstan came to America at the age of 22 years and supplemented his English education with a normal school course at Ypsilanti, Michigan, and then engaged in school teaching. This profession he followed for 15 years, in Houghton and Kensenaw counties. In 1888 he located at Dollar Bay, Houghton County.

In 1883 Mr. Dunstan married Elizabeth J. Daniell, who is a daughter of Capt. William Daniell, of Calumet, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Dunstan have one daughter, Edna, born in 1885.

In politics Mr. Dunstan is a Republican and has taken a very active part in public affairs. In 1902 he was chosen by his party as their representative in the State Legislature. Fraternally Mr. Dunstan has long been a Mason, and has attained to the 32nd degree. In religious belief he is an Episcopalian.



### ABRAHAM OPIE.

ABRAHAM OPIE, a well-to-do agriculturist and contractor living on his farm at Dorchester, Houghton County, Michigan, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, has been a resident of the Lake Superior copper region for over 40 years, and is well known and most highly esteemed throughout Houghton and Keweenaw counties. He was born in Cornwall, England, in 1840, and is a son of John Opie.

John Opie, the father of our subject, spent all his life in Cornwall, England, where he was engaged in the pursuits of a farmer and miner. He died at the age of 59 years at the old homestead and his wife also died in England in 1872. Abraham Opie has one brother and one sister living in America, namely: William Opie, a resident of Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan; and Mrs. Esther Robbins, a resident of Central City, Colorado.

Our subject was married, in 1858, to Elizabeth Luxmore and in the following year (1859) came to America with his wife and located in Rhode



Island, where he worked as a coal miner for six months. Mr. Opie then removed to the Lake Superior copper region, locating in Keweenaw County, and engaged as a miner at the Cliff mine, where he remained for 13 months.

After this, he was employed at the Quincy mine for several years. In 1873 he purchased a tract of land at Dorchester, which he has developed into a valuable farm which continues to be his home. When the summer season is past and the crops are gathered, he passes the winter profitably by doing general contracting work.

Mr. and Mrs. Opie are the proud parents of 12 children, 10 of whom they have reared, namely; John; Esther, who married Andrew Lowden and is now residing in Chicago, Illinois; Abraham; Jane, who married Thomas Paul; William H., who is living on his father's farm; Susan, who married Henry Bloom and is living in Hancock, Michigan; Mary Ann, who married Thomas Hodges, and resides in Laurium, Michigan; Edward, who is living on the farm with his father; Caroline, who married James Townsend and is living on her father's farm; and Catherine, who is also living at home. The two children who are deceased were named Emma and Joseph. Socially our subject is a member of the Sons of St. George. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



### WILLIAM F. MILLER.

WILLIAM F. MILLER, the present secretary, treasurer and manager of the A. Haas Brewing Company, is also president of the village of Houghton, to which office he was elected March 9, 1903. He is a very prominent man in Houghton County, and has held various offices high in the public trust. Mr. Miller was born at Hancock January 1, 1865, and is a son of William F. Miller, Sr., a native of the Rhine provinces of Germany. His mother was a native of Bavaria, and his parents were married in Germany.

William F. Miller, the father, came to this country about 1840, first locating near Cleveland, Ohio, where he followed farming. He later re-

moved to the Lake Superior copper region about 1850, and worked at the Quincy mine, then at the old Portage mine on the Houghton side, and at different times was employed at the Albany, Boston, Centennial and Calumet & Hecla mines, when they were first opened. Upon quitting the mining business he built one of the first frame buildings in Red Jacket, and there conducted a hotel until his death in 1876, at the age of 56 years. His wife died in 1891. Ten children were born to them, five dying at the Quincy mine and one at the Calumet & Hecla. Four are now living, as follows: Herman R., of Calumet, Michigan, who is with the Copper Range Railroad; John, a dentist of Calumet, Michigan; William F.; and Mrs. Bertha (Hansohn) of Houghton, Michigan.

William F. Miller attended the Northern Indiana Normal and Business School, taking a commercial course. For nine years, from 1881 to 1890, he acted as bookkeeper for L. Hennes & Company, of Calumet, Michigan, and then served four years as treasurer of Houghton County. After the expiration of his term he acted as deputy for County Treasurer Isaac W. Frimodig, then for three years conducted a meat market at Houghton. He next served as deputy to County Treasurer Haas, later as deputy county clerk for R. H. Shields, present chairman of the Republican County Committee. For four years he was chief accountant for the Peninsula Electric Light & Power Company, continuing with that concern until the ownership of the company changed hands. In October, 1902, he accepted his present position as secretary, treasurer and manager of the A. Haas Brewing Company, which had been purchased by the present owners in September, 1901. Joseph Strobel is president of this company, and Michael Messner is vice-president. They employ about 50 men in the establishment, and the trade extends all over Houghton County, and in some of the adjoining counties. The capacity of the plant is 25,000 barrels per annum. Mr. Miller is also land agent or auditor of Houghton County, and was formerly county agent for the State Board of Charities and Correction. Politically he is a Republican and takes an active interest in the party's success, being secretary of the Republican County Committee.

Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Pamela Duquette, of Lake Linden, Houghton County, Michigan, where her father now resides, he

being an early resident of that place. They have two sons living, Harrison W. and William L. One son, Claude D., met a sad death by drowning in September, 1901. Our subject is a charter member of Houghton Lodge, Knights of Pythias. In religious attachment his family is Lutheran.



### STEPHEN CARKEEK.

STEPHEN CARKEEK, an extensive real estate owner and a successful speculator in copper stocks, is purely a self made man, and is to-day one of the most prosperous and respected men of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan.

Mr. Carkeek was born in Cornwall, England, in 1845, and was nine years of age when he began to help his parents in the support of the family. He entered the mines in Cornwall when 11 years of age, and became familiar with the business. Upon coming to the United States in 1866, he first worked as a miner at the Quincy mines, in Houghton County, Michigan, later locating at Houghton. He engaged in the commercial business in 1868, first in the employ of Peter Holman, and in 1871 started a retail grocery for himself at Hancock, Michigan. To this he added a wholesale grocery and fruit business, and built up a large trade; but owing to extending too liberal credit his business was not very successful. He sold out in 1891 and returned to Houghton, where he conducted a millinery business until 1898. Discontinuing that line, he entered the stock brokerage business, conducting a branch for the Hayden & Stone Company, of Boston, Massachusetts. His was the first office at Houghton to get continuous quotations from the East. He did a very satisfactory business for one year, but in 1899 he discontinued his brokerage operations to give more attention to his large real estate interests. At the present time he has eight store buildings on the main street of Houghton, which bring him a good rental, and three others are now under course of construction, making 11 in all. He is shrewd and far seeing, and in stock speculation has been decidedly successful.

He has had a most interesting and varied experience as a business man, and that he has succeeded in acquiring a competency is due solely to his individual efforts. In his entire career he has never sought financial assistance from anyone.

Mr. Carkeek is married and lives with his wife and three children in a beautiful home at the corner of Albion and Second streets, Houghton. He is a great home loving man, and can be found at his home when not attending to business, consequently devoting little attention to clubs or other fraternal organizations. He has always exerted his influence in the line of good government, locally and nationally, but has never accepted of office. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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### CAPT. JOHN JOLLY.

CAPT. JOHN JOLLY, captain of the Baltic mine at Baltic, Houghton County, Michigan, and a practical and experienced miner, was born in 1862, in that home of mining operations, Cornwall, England. His father, William Jolly, was also born in Cornwall, where his life was spent, engaged in all kinds of mining, a reliable, industrious man. The mother of Captain Jolly bore the maiden name of Eliza Bond. She still resides in Cornwall, bearing well her 67 years. Both father and mother were consistent members of the Wesleyan Church. These parents had a family of six children, our subject being the eldest of the four survivors, the others being: William, pit boss at the Baltic mine; Grace; and Janie.

Captain Jolly attended school until the age of 12 years, and at 14 years his life in the mines began, although he had had previous experience in the stamp mills. Boys who grow up in the mining regions of Cornwall do not usually have many educational opportunities, and the only way in which our subject secured his very fair education was by study at the night schools in his native town. In 1883 he came to the United States, bound for the Northern Peninsula, where mining conditions are supposed to not impose

so heavily as they do in the older countries. He worked three months in the mines at Ishpeming, Marquette County, and then went to the Albany-Boston, now the Franklin, Jr., mine for 11 months. From there to Marquette County in the Mitchell mine and then back to the Wolverine, and, when it closed down, to the Huron, and then to the Atlantic, made his first two years under ground in Michigan memorable enough. He then secured work at Atlantic, under Frank McM. Stanton, where he remained 14 years, going then to the Baltic, in 1899. He has been there ever since and has been captain of the mine since August, 1900.

Captain Jolly has been one of the leading citizens of Baltic, and in December, 1902, was commissioned the first postmaster of the place. In politics he is a Republican and is very active in public matters in the neighborhood. Fraternally he belongs to the Masons and the Foresters.

In 1887 Captain Jolly was married to Annie Barrett, who was born in Cornwall, England, in 1868, and is a daughter of James and Hannah Barrett. Three children have been born to them, namely: Carlos John; Lorenzo; and William Leo.



### ALFRED W. LORD.

ALFRED W. LORD, superintendent of the Quincy & Torch Lake Railroad Company, and a well known resident of Houghton County, Michigan, lives at Hancock. He was born in Lancashire, England, in 1832, and came to America in 1846. After traveling over the greater part of the United States and Canada, he located at London, Ontario, Canada. Learning the trade of machinist in America, he removed to the Lake Superior region in 1866, where he worked as a machinist at different mines. In 1889, when the Quincy & Torch Lake Railroad was completed, he ran a locomotive for a time. Finally, in 1898, he was elected superintendent of the company, and for the five years past has continued to give the best of satisfaction in that position.

Mr. Lord was married in Canada about 50 years ago to Margaret Carmichael, of London, Canada, and they have reared six children out of the seven born to them. The record is as follows: Margaret A., wife of H. F. Crawford of Minnesota; Frances Miranda, who married P. H. Paine of Lake Linden, Michigan; Elizabeth, deceased; Catherine, who married R. D. Light, and resides in Hancock, Michigan; Andrew J., who married Ernestine Schniderhahn, of Calumet, Michigan, and has two children,—Marion, born December 3, 1894, and Willacy, born July 25, 1899; and Bernice, who married B. B. Richardson, and now resides in Brainards, New Jersey. Mr. Lord is a member of the Congregational Church. He is not especially interested in politics, but performs the duties of a good citizen by voting for the right, as he sees it.

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### NELSON DES ROCHES.

NELSON DES ROCHES, who for the past decade has been the very efficient foreman at the Lake Superior Smelting Company's works at Dollar Bay, Houghton County, Michigan, was born in 1863, at Hancock, Michigan. He is a son of Leonard and Johanna (O'Neil) Des Roches, the former of whom was a native of Montreal, Ontario, and the latter, of Ireland. Our subject's parents had seven children, namely: Nelson, of this sketch; John; Leonard; Jerry; Edward; Mary, deceased; and Katherine, who married Jacob Yanck and lives at Trimountain.

Our subject was reared and educated at Hancock and commenced work in the copper mines at the age of 13 years. He learned the carpenter's trade at the mill where he is now general foreman, having been advanced through the various stages on account of his skill and ability. He has many interests under his control and is considered one of the most reliable men in his line in the vicinity.

In 1889 Mr. Des Roches married Johanna Shea, who was born near Cliff mine, Michigan, and they have reared four children, namely: Irene,

aged 12 years; Leonia, aged six years; Edward, aged five years; and Bernard, aged three years.

In politics Mr. Des Roches is identified with the Democratic party. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Catholic Knights of America. He and his family belong to the Catholic Church.

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### WILLIAM B. HOAR.

WILLIAM B. HOAR, a member of the general mercantile firm of Hodgson Brothers & Hoar, of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, is one of the leading citizens of that village. He was born at Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and is a son of the late John Hoar, who located at Houghton in 1858 and built a tram-way from the Isle Royale mine to the Isle Royale mill site.

John Hoar was a well known pioneer of the copper regions. He was born in Cornwall, England, and came first to the Lake Superior mining region in the interests of an English mining company, in 1856. He then tried coal mining in Pennsylvania for two years, after which he returned to the Northern Peninsula, where he bought mining interests with E. D. Hendricks, and later established a business on the same site in Houghton now occupied by Hodgson Brothers & Hoar, buying Mr. Hendricks' interest and taking his brother, Richard M. Hoar, into partnership. The business, under the firm name of John Hoar & Brother, was uninterrupted until the death of John Hoar in 1884, at the age of 67 years. He was a man of excellent parts, and held a number of village and county offices. The death of his widow took place in 1900, at the age of 83 years. Our subject's brother, John M., died in 1882, leaving a widow and two children. His sister, Mrs. Annie Sturgis, lives in Boston.

Since 1859 William B. Hoar, the subject of this sketch, has been a resident of Houghton. He attended the common schools of the village, took a business course at Detroit, Michigan, and spent one year at Ann Arbor, Michigan, but his entire business life has been passed at Houghton. Until







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1887 he operated a dry goods store by himself, but at that date the present firm style was adopted, additional members and capital being added. The stock includes groceries and dry goods, and all commodities usually found in an establishment of this kind, which is kept up to the highest standard of excellence. The store building is a commodious double one, located near the corner on Sheldon street.

In 1875 Mr. Hoar married Cordelia R. Mathews, who was born at Eagle Harbor, Michigan, and is a daughter of the late Mark Mathews, a pioneer of Keweenaw County, Michigan, from Cornwall, England. The two children of this marriage are: Mrs. Henry G. Warner of Detroit; and W. B., Jr., a student at the Michigan College of Mines. In politics Mr. Hoar is a stanch Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for U. S. Grant. Fraternally he is a Mason and a Knight of Pythias, and is also connected with several benevolent organizations. In religious views he is an Episcopalian and is serving as junior warden of Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church of Houghton, Michigan.

Mr. Hoar was the first station agent of the Marquette, Houghton & Ontonagon Railroad Company, now a part of the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway system; for the L'Anse & Houghton Transportation Company, which operated the first teams overland; and of the L'Anse & Houghton Transit Company, which operated the steamer "Ivanhoe" during the summer seasons.

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### EDWARD H. LEE.

EDWARD H. LEE, senior member of the wholesale confectionery firm of Lee brothers, of Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, was born in 1865, at Flint, Genesee County, Michigan, and is a son of Thomas and Marie (Kenna) Lee, the former of whom was born at Kildare, Ireland, where his parents lived and died. Thomas Lee, upon coming to America, settled in the State of New York. In 1840 he removed to Genesee County, Michigan, as one of the sawyers in one of the large mills of that locality.

Our subject is the sixth member in a family of nine children born to his parents, namely: Thomas, a farmer at Aberdeen, South Dakota; Mary, wife of Thomas Murphy, who was one of the volunteer firemen in the early days of the fire department at Flint, Michigan, and who now lives on his farm at Putney, South Dakota; Margaret, wife of Frank Holmes, a railroad conductor on the Grand Trunk Railway, residing at Port Huron, Michigan; William, a railroad man, living at Flint, Michigan; Ellen, wife of George Walcott, a stationary engineer at Flint, Michigan; James, a resident of Flint, Michigan, who is a commercial traveler for a grocery house of Saginaw, Michigan; John, who was formerly associated with our subject, but is now a resident of Grand Rapids, Michigan; and Bertie, wife of Bayles Riker, of Flint, Michigan.

The firm of Lee Brothers was started in 1890, for the manufacture of confectionery, ice cream and bakery goods, at Quincy and Montezuma streets, Hancock. They sold that plant later on, and located at their present place in 1901, purchasing the commodious and suitable building they now occupy. The business is in a flourishing condition, their goods meeting with ready sale through a wide territory.

On May 27, 1902, Mr. Lee was united in marriage to Etta Shelton, of Kincardine, Ontario, Canada. Mr. Lee's portrait accompanies this sketch.



### REGINALD C. PRYOR.

REGINALD C. PRYOR, president of the Citizens' National Bank, a stable financial institution of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, and a prominent civil and mining engineer, was born at Houghton in 1867, and is a son of James Pryor, a record of whose life appears elsewhere in this work.

After graduating from the Houghton schools Mr. Pryor engaged in teaching for a year, later attending the Michigan College of Mines at Houghton, from which he was graduated. He then acted as an instructor in that institution during 1888 and 1889, and the following year took a special course

for a year at Harvard University. He then returned to Houghton and opened an office, and has been prominent in various enterprises ever since. He was made village engineer, and served as engineer for various mines, among them the Franklin, Arcadian, Centennial and Tecumseh. He has also done much exploration work at the "Belt" and elsewhere. He has several men under him in his engineering work. He is interested in the Houghton Lumber Company, which was recently organized, and with other citizens of Houghton is an active promoter of the new town of South Range, where he is starting a bank to be known as the South Range Bank. The town is near the Baltic mine, and much building is now in progress. Mr. Pryor was active in the organization of the Citizens' National Bank, of which he is president, and to him is due much of the credit for its prosperous condition.

Reginald C. Pryor was united in marriage with a daughter of Andrew Weir, of Houghton, Michigan. Mr. Pryor is one of the substantial citizens of the county, and is held in highest esteem by every one. Religiously, he and his estimable wife are Methodists.

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### ANDREW HENDRICKSEN.

ANDREW HENDRICKSEN, one of the prominent citizens of Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, a member of the business firm of Hendricksen Brothers, was born in 1847 in Norway. In 1870 he came to America and first located at Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan, where he remained seven and a half years, as timber boss for the Calumet & Hecla mine, and then removed to Hancock and engaged in business, his line for the last five years having been fruits and groceries.

Prior to coming to America, Mr. Hendricksen was a sailor and belonged to the Norway Navy, serving on a revenue cutter. He has succeeded equally well on shore, having accumulated considerable means and having become one of the most highly respected and influential citizens of his county. During the first term of President Cleveland's administration, he served as post-

master at Jacobsville, being the first Scandinavian postmaster in Houghton County. For many years he was the agent for steamship companies and was the means of bringing many of his countrymen to America.

In Norway, in 1868, Mr. Hendricksen married Jacobina Stronggeord, and a family of 15 children were born to them, the seven survivors being: Henrietta (Mrs. Casper Fremody); Peter, who is in business with his father; Emma (Mrs. T. Lavine); Minnie (Mrs. Edward Tebo); Annie; and Archer and Walter, members of the firm of Hendricksen Brothers. The family belongs to the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Hendricksen is a charter member of Portage Lodge, No. 126, Ancient Order of United Workmen, and has been associated with various other fraternal orders.

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### JOSEPH WILLS.

JOSEPH WILLS, sheriff of Houghton County, Michigan, since January 1, 1901, and a prominent citizen of Houghton, was born in 1863, at Greenland, Ontonagon County, Michigan, and is a son of Capt. Thomas Wills, who has been a well known resident of Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan, for some years.

Capt. Thomas Wills was born in England and brought his family to Calumet, Michigan, in 1867, when he accepted the position of mine captain in the Hecla branch of the Calumet & Hecla mine. Although not active for the past two years, he is well known all through the mining district. His wife died in the spring of 1902, the other surviving children, except our subject, being: Thomas, who for a number of years has been in the mercantile business at Calumet, Michigan; Edward, mining captain at the Arcadian mine; Jack, who is a bookkeeper associated with his brother, Edward, and resides at Arcadian Mine, and William and Elizabeth, who live at home.

Joseph Wills was the third member of his parents' family and passed through the common and high schools of Calumet and then entered the machine shop of the motive power department of the Calumet & Hecla mine,

being the second apprentice boy received, the first being John Feggery. For 22 years he was connected with the motive power department, and worked up from apprentice to the position of master mechanic of motive power at South Hecla branch of the Calumet & Hecla mine, serving as such during the last seven years, and resigning in order to accept the sheriff's office, to which he was elected and re-elected by the Republican party. Of this organization he has always been a staunch supporter, but he is the only one of his family who has ever accepted office. Although his father was well qualified and an active member of the party, he was never willing to take official responsibility. Sheriff Wills has met every requirement of his position with energy and efficiency and has maintained the law in Houghton County, although many of its residents have not always been inclined to keep the peace.

Mr. Wills married a daughter of John A. Danielson, of Calumet, Michigan, who became connected with the Calumet & Hecla mine in its early days and was long associated with it. Fraternally, Mr. Wills is a member of Calumet Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and of the Elks of Hancock, Michigan. In religious attitude, the family favors the Methodist Episcopal Church.



### R. B. HARKNESS, M. D.

R. B. HARKNESS, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, also has charge of the weather bureau at that point. He has been located there since June, 1900, and has become firmly established in the confidence and good will of his fellow citizens.

Dr. Harkness was born in Pennsylvania, and received his educational training in the Western University of Pennsylvania at Pittsburg, and at the Memphis Hospital Medical College, at Memphis, Tennessee, from which he was graduated in 1899. He has since practiced continuously, spending one year in hospital work at Memphis and later practicing as the assistant of Dr. Henning, of Memphis. He has been with the United States Weather Bureau

since 1893, being stationed at different times at Pittsburg, Memphis, Tennessee, Little Rock, Arkansas, Washington, D. C., and Vicksburg, Mississippi. He located in Houghton, Michigan, in June, 1900, and in August of that year established the Weather Bureau station at that point. Since November, 1901, the Doctor has actively practiced his profession in Houghton, having fine offices in the Young Building, and has established a well paying practice.

The father of Dr. Harkness was a prominent military man, Lieut.-Col. T. C. Harkness, a veteran of the Civil War. Both his parents are deceased, and he has several brothers and sisters located in various parts of the country. Socially, our subject is a member of the county, State and American medical associations; the Knights of Pythias; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and Fraternal Order of Eagles. Religiously, he is a member and trustee of the Presbyterian Church at Houghton.



### CHARLES H. MOSS.

CHARLES H. MOSS, cashier of the Citizens' National Bank of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, was the principal organizer of that bank in 1901 and has since been one of the most prominent figures in the financial circles of the vicinity. He was born in Hartford, Connecticut, May 11, 1868, and comes of a very prominent New England family, which was established in this country during the first half of the 17th century.

The first of the family in this country was Hon. John Moss, who was born in England in 1619 and came to America in 1639. He lived in New Haven, Connecticut, from 1640 to 1670, then in Wallingford until 1708. From this early settler, our subject is descended through the following line: (2) John Moss, who married Maria Lothrop, was born October 12, 1650, and died March 31, 1717. (3) John Moss, who married Elizabeth Hall, was born March 10, 1682, and died May 14, 1755. (4) Joseph Moss, who married Lydia Jones, was born February 9, 1714, and died October 6, 1777. (5) Moses Moss, whose wife was Abial Hall, was born March 18, 1738,

and died September 21, 1809. (6) Moses Moss, who married Ann Brooks Ives, was born April 5, 1763, and died January 16, 1839. (7) Amos Moss, whose wife was Sarah Pierpont, was born March 10, 1814, and her death resulted from an accident in 1840. (8) Frederick Amos, father of our subject, was born December 6, 1838. He married Alice Lucretia Higgins.

The coat of arms of the Moss Family is: Ermine (white) on a cross (Greek), sable (black), besant (gold). The crest is: Out of a coronet or a griffin's head ermine (white), charged on neck with a besant. The family seat in England is Mosse-Horton, Regis, County Bedford.

Charles H. Moss is descended from William Brewster (see Scribner's History of the United States) on his mother's side, through the following line of ancestors: (1) William Brewster; (2) Jonathan Brewster; (3) Mary (Brewster) Turner; (4) Grace (Turner) Christopher; (5) Joanna (Christopher) Leffingwell; (6) Elisha Leffingwell, who served with credit during the Revolutionary War; (7) Lucy (Leffingwell) (Huntington) Abel; (8) Avalina S. (Abel) Gardner; (9) Matilda L. (Gardner) Higgins; (10) Alice Lucretia (Higgins) Moss, mother of our subject. Of this branch of the family many were prominent in the struggle of this country for independence. Simeon Abel, who was sergeant in Capt. Waterman's company, Caleb Gardner, Simeon Gardner, and David Gardner were all in the Revolutionary War. David Gardner served under General Putnam in the Third Connecticut Regiment, which was raised on the first call for troops by the Legislature at special session from April to May, 1775. It was recruited in Windham County with a company from London County, and in May marched to the camp near Boston. This regiment, upon the expiration of its term of service, December 10, 1775, was adopted as Continental. A detachment was engaged at Bunker Hill, and a few men joined the Quebec Expedition. The regiment was reorganized in 1776 with Benedict Arnold as colonel and John Durkie as captain, Joshua Huntington, 1st lieutenant, Lemuel Bingham, 2nd lieutenant, and Beriah Bell, ensign.

Charles Hall Moss was educated in the schools of Waterbury, Connecticut, and in East Greenwich (Rhode Island) Academy. In 1884, when 16 years old, he began work as shipping clerk for C. J. Bates in Chester, Connecticut, then for two years he was in the employ of M. S. Brooks & Sons of the



same place. Upon coming to Northern Michigan, Mr. Moss first served in the capacity of bookkeeper for the First National Bank of Bessemer, Gogebic County, for two years, then served seven years as teller of Ishpeming National Bank and one year as cashier of the same institution. The bank was sold to the Miners' National Bank, and Mr. Moss removed to Houghton to organize the Citizens' National Bank, which opened its doors for business in 1901. He has served as cashier since its organization, and to him is largely due the credit for the present prosperous condition of the bank.

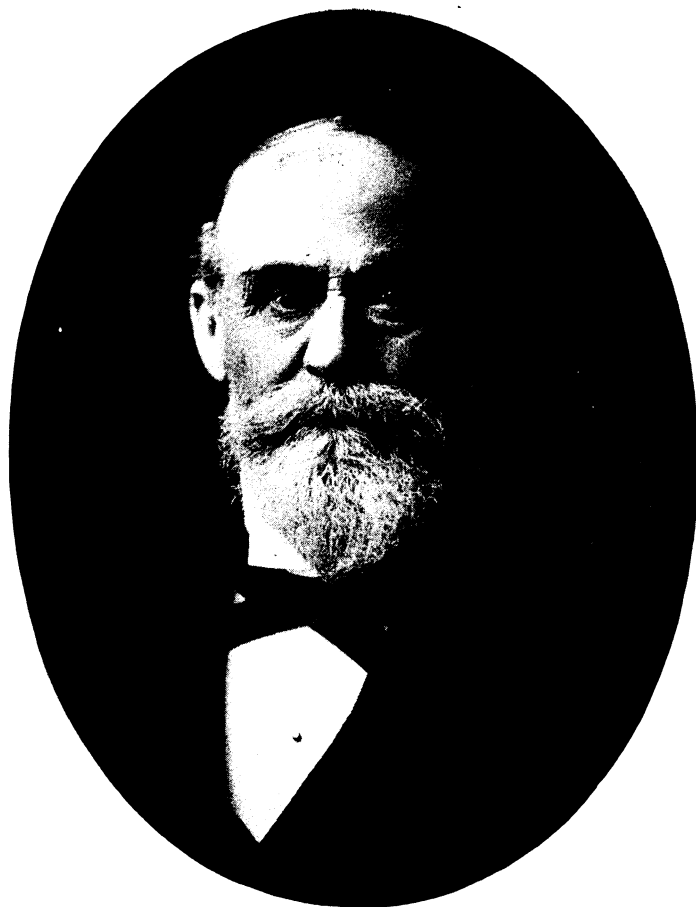
On October 10, 1894, Mr. Moss was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony with Florence Chynoweth, who was educated in the common schools of Ontonagon County, Michigan, and at Oberlin College in Ohio. She is a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Chynoweth, her father being a native of Philadelphia. Her grandfather, who came to this country from Cornwall, England, was killed by accident in the mines of Pennsylvania. For some years he was associated with Capt. John Chynoweth in mining at Greenland and Rockland, in Ontonagon County, Michigan. The mines opened by them were later closed for a period of 10 years. Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Moss are parents of the following children: Harold Frederick, born August 9, 1895; Ruth, born August 31, 1899, died March 8, 1903; and Irving Brewster, born June 28, 1901. Fraternally, Mr. Moss is a Mason, being a Knight Templar and a member of Ahmed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Religiously, the family favors the Presbyterian Church.



### REV. AUGUST WILLIAM GEERS.

REV. AUGUST WILLIAM GEERS, rector of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church at Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, was born in 1853 in Switzerland. He is a son of August and Maria (Frast) Geers, both of whom were of German nativity. Father Geers comes of intellectual ancestry, his father having been for 50 years a professor of ancient languages in the colleges of Switzerland, and for seven years in those of his birthplace, Han-





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over. The mother was born in Wurtemberg, where she died when her only child, our subject, was an infant. By a second marriage, the father had two additional children. Both parents were devoted members of the Catholic Church.

Father Geers was well educated in the schools and colleges of Switzerland, supplementing this instruction with that of the seminaries at Cleveland and Cincinnati, Ohio, after coming to the United States in 1870. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1876, by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Dwengar, at Fort Wayne, Indiana. In 1881 he came to the Northern Peninsula and after filling several charges in the diocese of Marquette, he was located at Hancock, and for the past two years has been the beloved pastor of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.



### HON. ORRIN W. ROBINSON.

HON. ORRIN W. ROBINSON, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, is prominently known throughout the state of Michigan, of which he has served two terms as Lieutenant Governor. He resides at Chassell, Houghton County, where he has large and varied interests. He was born in Claremont, New Hampshire, August 14, 1834, and is a son of Dean Williams and Zilpah (Clement) Robinson, both natives of New Hampshire.

The Robinsons come of an old New England family. David Robinson, great-grandfather of our subject, was a soldier in the Continental Army during the Revolution and was a captain when he retired from service. His wife was a daughter of Lieutenant Williams, who was in the marine service during the Revolutionary War. Everett Robinson, grandfather of our subject, served with credit throughout the War of 1812. The parents of Orrin W. Robinson are now deceased, the father dying at Lowell, Massachusetts, at the age of 48 years, and his mother at Jamaica Plain, aged 92 years. They raised a large family of children, six of whom are now living.

Orrin W. Robinson received his early education in the public schools

of New Hampshire and Vermont, his parents living near the line which divided the two States. At the age of 10 years he left home and went to work on a farm and never lived at home thereafter. He followed farming in the summer and attended school during the winter months until he was 17 years old, when he went to work in a gun factory at Windsor, Vermont. He continued at this work for one year, then followed farming again for two years, in the meantime attending school during the winter seasons. In 1854, when 19 years old, he borrowed \$50 of an uncle who lived in Michigan, and came to the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, locating at Ontonagon, Ontonagon County, a year before the Sault Ste. Marie Canal was completed. He was employed at the mines on outside work, at which he continued for two years. When he first came, the country was very wild, and there were many Indians who at times were unfriendly to the white man. In February, 1856, when mining became dull, he started out with a partner and walked to Green Bay, Wisconsin, the trip consuming two weeks' time; thence he proceeded to Chicago and Galena, Illinois, and Dubuque, Iowa, looking for work. They then walked to Kossuth County, Iowa, where Mr. Robinson worked as engineer in a saw-mill. After the financial crash and hard times of 1857, he followed various occupations and taught school in Kossuth County, Iowa, for six months. He remained in Iowa until 1862, then returned to Portage Lake, Michigan, and served as shipping clerk at the Quincy mine until 1872. In the meantime having acquired about 2,000 acres of pine timber land, in 1873 he organized the Sturgeon River Lumber Company, which built mills at Hancock. In 1887 they moved the mills to Chassell and greatly enlarged the plant. There was no town there when the mills were built, and it was named by Mr. Robinson in honor of Mr. Chassell, of New York City, who was connected with one of the Houghton banks for many years and maintained a summer residence at that point. The company continued for 30 years and then its business was sold to the C. H. Wooster Lumber Company, our subject serving as general manager throughout that period and after 1885 as a director of the company. For some years he was also interested in orange groves in Florida, which proved a very successful venture.

Mr. Robinson cast his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont,

and has been a Republican ever since, often being called upon by his party to serve in an official capacity. He was deputy collector of customs from 1865 to 1873, and superintendent of the poor for many years. In 1894, he was elected to the State Legislature, of which he was a member two years, and in 1896 was elected to the State Senate, where he also served two years. In the fall of 1898, he was nominated and elected Lieutenant Governor of Michigan, to which office he was re-elected in 1900, receiving the nomination by acclamation. He was one of the five delegates from Michigan that stood for Benjamin Harrison when he received his second nomination for president in the Republican National Convention.

In 1865, Orrin W. Robinson was joined in marriage with Cornelia L. Lombard, who was born in Vermont and comes of good old New England stock, the family originally coming from England. They have two children: M. Ethel, a graduate of Mary's Institute at St. Louis, Missouri, and the Boston Conservatory of Music, who is an accomplished musician and is living at home with her parents; and Dean L., a lawyer of New York City, who is a graduate of Harvard University and the Cambridge Law School. Mr. Robinson is not a member of any church, but has always been a liberal contributor to the support of church organizations and charitable institutions.



### WILLIAM POLKINGHORN.

WILLIAM POLKINGHORN, superintendent of the washing department of the Atlantic & Baltic stamp mills, was born in Cornwall, England, and is a son of Stephen Polkinghorn.

Stephen Polkinghorn was a British soldier and was wounded while serving in the army during the Crimean War. His death occurred in 1862. He left a widow and his son William, who was then three years of age. Stephen Polkinghorn, Jr., our subject's brother, was born three months after his father's death. Our subject's mother never left England and died there in 1900.

Stephen Polkinghorn, Jr., brother of our subject, served 15 years in the British Navy and came to America in 1891, locating in Houghton County, Michigan, being now employed in the same mill with his brother, William.

William Polkinghorn, our subject, came to America in 1871, and entered the employ of the old Calumet & Hecla stamp mill in 1872, where he remained until 1875. In 1875 he began work in the iron ore mines of Marquette County, Michigan, where he spent four years and then entered the employ of the Osceola Mining Company, with which concern he remained until 1898. In 1898 he was appointed superintendent of the washing department of the Atlantic & Baltic stamp mills and at present still holds and efficiently fills this responsible position.

In 1881 Mr. Polkinghorn married Elizabeth Woon, daughter of Samuel Woon, of Ishpeming, Marquette County, Michigan, who is engaged in the iron mines. Our subject has reared five children, namely: Ella, born January 17, 1884; William, born November 29, 1888; Melvin George, born May 24, 1891; Chester, born January 17, 1895; and Enid, born December 7, 1899. Socially our subject is a Mason, being a member of the blue lodge and chapter, and is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a Congregationalist in religious affairs.



### HERMAN DEFOREST LEADBETTER.

HERMAN DEFOREST LEADBETTER, station agent at Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, for the Copper Range Railroad and agent for the United States Express Company, was born February 23, 1864, at East Maine, New York. He is a son of Mortimer Melville and Sarah (Briggs) Leadbetter and a grandson of Lester and Annie (Rowley) Leadbetter. Lester Leadbetter was a son of Rev. Thomas Leadbetter, of Deerfield, Massachusetts.

The family is of French extraction, Huguenot refugees, who settled in Massachusetts during the latter part of the 17th century. But little is known

of their early history except from the scattered notes of one DeForest Leadbetter, who survived the massacre and burning of Deerfield, Massachusetts, in March, 1704, where several of his family were killed and all their effects destroyed. He was a follower of Roger Williams, belonged to the church which Williams founded and the Leadbetters remain Baptists in religion to the present day. The name, which was originally spelled Ladeboyere, is well known in France, and one of Napoleon's generals belonging to a branch of the family was placed upon the proscribed list with Marshals Ney and Murat and was shot in 1815 after the Bourbon restoration for assisting Napoleon to escape from Elba.

Lester Leadbetter, in 1805, removed from Massachusetts to a tract of wild forest land in the State of New York which his wife, Annie, inherited from her father, John Rowley, who had served with distinction in the War of the Revolution. Lester Leadbetter built a sawmill near the present town of East Maine, in Broome County, New York, and engaged extensively in the lumber trade. Mortimer M. Leadbetter was born there in 1825, and still survives at the age of 78 and resides at Lestershire, New York. In 1847 he married Sarah Briggs, who is a daughter of James and Mary (Whitcomb) Briggs, of Otsego County, New York. The family consisted of two sons and four daughters.

Mr. Leadbetter of this sketch was educated in the district school at East Maine, New York, and at the State Normal School at Cortland, Cortland County, New York. In 1882 he entered railroad work as a telegraph operator for the Delaware & Hudson Company and in 1886 accepted a position as train dispatcher for the Chateaugay Railroad at Plattsburgh, New York, and remained there for three years, resigning to accept a position in Mexico. Not liking the climate there, he returned to the United States and after working for several months for the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad in Colorado, the Union Pacific in Wyoming and the Illinois Central in Chicago, he returned in 1891 to the Delaware & Hudson, with which road he continued for seven years as relief agent, station agent at Fort Ticonderoga, New York, and train dispatcher at Port Henry, New York. In October, 1898, he removed to Albany, New York, to accept a position with the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad, and in 1899 was promoted to a clerk-



ship in the superintendent's office. In October, 1901, he removed to Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, as traveling auditor and chief clerk in the general freight office for the Copper Range Railroad and on January 1, 1902, was promoted to his present position.

In 1883 Mr. Leadbetter married Frances Cottrill, who is a daughter of John R. and Nellie (Gordon) Cottrill, of Plattsburgh, New York. They have one son, DeForest, born in Plattsburgh, New York, July 5, 1885, who is with his father as clerk in the freight office,—he graduated at the Albany, New York, High School prior to accepting the position.

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### MICHAEL FINN.

MICHAEL FINN, one of the prominent, substantial and representative men of Houghton County, Michigan, city clerk of Hancock, and a leading Democratic politician, was born 67 years ago in County Tipperary, Ireland, whence he emigrated to Canada. After four years in the Dominion, he went to New York and two years later (in 1861) removed to Houghton County, Michigan.

Mr. Finn, upon coming to the mining region of Michigan, first engaged in mining, being associated with Captain Frue, in the Pewabic mine, now a part of the Quincy mine, and continued these operations until 1866. His evident ability and fitness for public office were soon recognized. In 1866 he was made township clerk and justice of the peace, and in the following year he was elected to the office of village clerk. In 1902 he was elected city clerk, a position he still fills. For a number of years Mr. Finn has been one of the Democratic leaders and he enjoys the confidence of his party associates in high degree. Ever since 1872 he has held the office of United States commissioner, his invaluable services being recognized by both parties. Mr. Finn is a director of the First National Bank of Hancock, and of the Northern Michigan Building & Loan Association.

In 1873 Mr. Finn married Margaret Kerwin, and their family consists

of four sons and one daughter, namely: Edward J., who is his father's assistant; James H., who is employed in the First National Bank of Hancock, Michigan; John J., who is a pattern-maker at Carroll's foundry; Michael, who is a drug clerk; and Mame, an accomplished young lady, who is a student at the Detroit Conservatory of Music.

Mr. Finn is a Catholic, and a member of the Sons of St. Patrick, of Hancock, Michigan. He is an example of one who has risen through his own merits to a place among the substantial business men of his city, and he enjoys the reputation of being the most accurate and efficient official the county ever had.



### ALLEN F. REES.

ALLEN F. REES, the present village attorney of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, and a member of the law firm of Chadbourne & Rees, was born in 1858 at Houghton, and is a son of the late Seth Rees, whose death occurred in 1877, at the age of 66 years.

The late Seth Rees was a very prominent citizen of the copper country. He was born at Erie, Pennsylvania, and went to Green Bay, Wisconsin, in young manhood, to Marquette in 1845, to the Sault about 1848 and to Copper Harbor in the early "fifties." At Copper Harbor he was associated with William H. Stevens, another pioneer who died recently at Detroit. Seth Rees was the first supervisor from Copper Harbor when Houghton County was organized, and was county clerk in 1861, when the county was divided. He served as clerk until 1867 and was then elected county treasurer, serving until 1874. His widow resides with our subject. She is a daughter of Dr. John S. Livermore, of Rochester, Michigan, where she was born. Dr. Livermore was a member of one of the first legislative bodies of Michigan, came to the Northern Peninsula in 1845, and was afterwards Indian agent at La Point, a position he filled through the administration of President Polk and extending beyond it. He removed to Copper Harbor and resided there until his death in 1861. His children, with the exception of Mrs. Seth Rees, now reside in California.

The other members of the family to which our subject belongs are: John L., lately assistant cashier of the National Bank of Houghton, now of Cleveland, Ohio; Thomas, a captain of engineers in the United States Army, stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, who served in the Spanish-American War; Dr. George M., who belongs to the staff of physicians at the Calumet & Hecla mine; and Robert I., also a veteran of the Spanish-American War, and now a 1st lieutenant in the 3rd Regiment, Infantry, United States Army, who has served in the Philippines and is now in charge of the detail of soldiers protecting the tomb of the late President McKinley, at Canton, Ohio.

After graduating at the Houghton High School, our subject entered the law office of Thomas L. Chadbourne, with whom he has been associated since 1882, practicing since 1885, when he was admitted to the bar. The present partnership, a strong and able one, was formed in 1892. For five years Mr. Rees has served as village attorney and from 1888 to 1892 he was prosecuting attorney of Houghton County. Politically he is identified with the Republican party and fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Houghton Lodge and Hancock Commandery. The Rees family has long been affiliated with the Protestant Episcopal Church, the father of our subject serving as vestryman for a number of years.

In 1884 Mr. Rees married Caroline E. Willard, of Boston, Massachusetts, and they have one child.

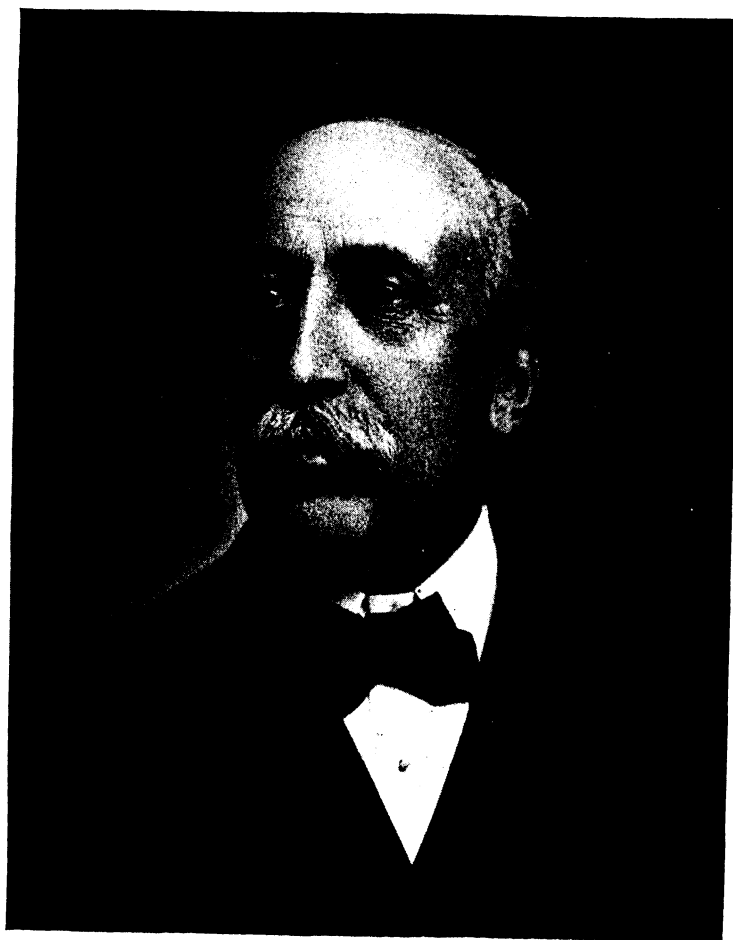


### CHARLES HOWARD KELSEY.

CHARLES HOWARD KELSEY, managing editor of the *Daily Mining Gazette*, of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, was born at Wilson, Niagara County, New York, August 3, 1863, of parents descended from old Colonial and Revolutionary stock on both sides.

Mr. Kelsey was prepared for college at Cayuga Lake Academy, at Aurora, New York, and at the Marquette, Michigan, High School, under





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his father, Supt. Charles Kelsey, who is now Judge of Probate of Marquette County. He was graduated as salutatorian of the class of 1885, at Hamilton College, Clinton, New York, which was the alma mater of his father and uncle. He was a member of the college society, Phi Beta Kappa. In September, 1885, he entered journalistic work on the staff of the *Marquette Daily Mining Journal*. In June, 1887, he was admitted to partnership in the paper, of which he remained city editor for some eight years. For three years he represented the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, in the Northern Peninsula, but returned to newspaper work as the copper country representative of the *Marquette Daily Mining Journal*, when its long supremacy was threatened by the establishment of the *Houghton Daily Mining Gazette*, in September, 1899. Eight months later he severed his connection with the *Marquette Daily Mining Journal* in order to accept his present responsible position as managing editor of the *Daily Mining Gazette*, of Houghton, in May, 1900. Mr. Kelsey is a ready writer and experienced journalist, and his newspaper leads the van in general news and timely editorials.

On November 14, 1900, Mr. Kelsey married Elizabeth F. Werner, the third daughter of the late Peter Werner, Esq., of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey are residents of East Houghton.

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### CHARLES BRIGGS.

CHARLES BRIGGS, one of the foremost business men of the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, whose portrait is herewith shown, is president of the Merchants' & Miners' Bank at Calumet, Houghton County, president of the Calumet & Arizona Mining Company, conducts a large mercantile establishment, and is identified with many other business interests.

Mr. Briggs was born November 12, 1837, at Cincinnatus, New York, and was three years old when his parents moved to Dryden, Tompkins County, New York, at which town and at Homer, New York, the family

continued to reside for some time. He received an academic education in Homer. In 1853, while still a youth, he went to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and entered the general store of his uncle, T. C. Smith, with whom he spent 10 years, then for one year was cashier of the Bank of Geneva. Resigning in 1864, he removed to Rockland, Michigan, where for one year he was bookkeeper for S. D. North, with whom he then formed a partnership under the firm name of North & Briggs. In 1868 they disposed of their Rockland business and purchased the Hecla store at Calumet, which Mr. Briggs still conducts. They also established the Quincy store, now conducted by George North, and ran it under the firm name of S. D. North & Company, Mr. North managing it. They also conducted a store at Lake Linden under the management of Mr. Briggs, but this was discontinued in 1878, when the members of the firm dissolved partnership. Mr. Briggs continued to conduct the Hecla store and took in H. K. Cole as a partner; the partnership lasted 10 years, and then he purchased Mr. Cole's interest. He has a large general store, located on Depot street, not far from the general offices of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company, and transacts a very extensive business.

The Merchants' & Miners' Bank, which was one of the early banks of Houghton County, was organized in July, 1873. Mr. Briggs has been president since its inception. The original incorporators were J. N. Wright, Charles E. Holland, Peter Ruppe, John Duncan, Will A. Childs and Charles Briggs. H. S. Colton served as cashier until his death in 1899, and Stephen Paull has since served in that capacity, Mr. Koalhaas being assistant cashier. The board of directors is thus constituted: Charles Briggs, Peter Ruppe, who is also vice-president; John Duncan, Will A. Childs, Dr. C. W. Niles, Paul P. Roehm and C. Lieblein. The bank has a capital stock of \$100,000, and a surplus of \$50,000, conducts a general banking business and occupies the Union Building at the corner of Red Jacket Road and Fifth street.

For a number of years Mr. Briggs has been actively interested in mining enterprises. He was one of the original men in the development of the Calumet & Arizona Mining Company, the shares of which are now worth over \$100, par value being \$10. He was president of the Lake Superior & Western Development Company, which was merged into the Calumet &

Arizona Mining Company, March 1, 1901, and of the latter Mr. Briggs was made president. The other officers are: J. S. Dymock, vice-president; Peter Ruppe, treasurer; and Gordon R. Campbell, secretary. In addition to the officers the board of directors includes: James Hoatson, Thomas Hoatson, Thomas F. Cole, George E. Temer, William Congdon and C. d'Autremont, Jr. The capital stock is \$2,500,000, of which \$2,000,000 has been issued. I. L. Merrill is superintendent of the mines which are located at Bisbee, Arizona, where the company has a mineral claim of 120 acres, besides 600 acres at the smelter, which is some 26 miles distant. They have a four compartment shaft, and another has been started. Some 600 men are employed by the company.

Mr. Briggs has various other business interests, being president of the Calumet & Pittsburg Development Company; Lake Superior & Pittsburg Development Company; Pittsburg & Duluth Development Company; Junction Development Company; president of the E. F. Sutton Company, of Lake Linden, Michigan; and vice-president of the Wolverine Cement Company, of Coldwater, Michigan.

Charles Briggs was united in marriage in the year 1865 with Sarah E. Hanna, a native of New York State, who removed with her parents when four years old to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, where she married Mr. Briggs. They have one son, Dr. C. E. Briggs, a prominent surgeon now located at Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. C. E. Briggs was born at Calumet, Michigan, in 1871, and received his early education in the Calumet schools. He then entered Oberlin College, from which he was graduated, and in 1897 he was graduated from the Medical Department of Harvard University. For the next year and a half he was in the surgical service of the Massachusetts General Hospital at Boston, later being resident surgeon of Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, for two years. He has also studied abroad and is now located at Cleveland, Ohio, where he is engaged in practice; he is on the surgical staff of Lakeside Hospital, and a teacher of surgery in the Medical Department of Western Reserve University.

Charles Briggs has always been a Republican, and has been connected



with the School Board of Calumet for 20 years, being president at the present time. He was a member of the State Legislature of Michigan during 1877-78, and served his constituents in a very able manner.



### WILLIAM VAN ORDEN.

WILLIAM VAN ORDEN, a member of the well known insurance firm of Van Orden Brothers, of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, and a leading and representative citizen, was born in 1840 in the City of New York, which was also his father's birthplace. The family has been established in America since early in the 17th century, coming here from Holland with Peter Minuit, governor of the New Netherlands, who bought Manhattan Island from the Indians for a bundle of ribbons and gaudy beads.

Mr. Van Orden was reared and educated until the age of 16 years in his native city, and then removed to Eagle River, Houghton (now Keweenaw) County, Michigan, to join his uncle, James Crawford, who was an explorer in the copper country in 1846. The latter was more or less connected with mining all his life, making his home mainly in Keweenaw County, where he died in 1882. The young Easterner soon found employment as a clerk at Eagle River and there continued in that capacity from 1856 to 1865, when he began writing insurance with John Senter, a veteran insurance man of the Northern Peninsula, whose sketch may be found elsewhere in this work, with whom he continued for 20 years. During this time Mr. Van Orden took an active part in Democratic politics, and was county treasurer for 11 years, continuing all the time to be associated with Mr. Senter. About 1885 Mr. Van Orden took up his residence in Houghton and entered into partnership with his brother, Mathew C. Van Orden, under the present firm name of Van Orden Brothers. They located first in the Strobel Building, but secured offices later in the fine new bank building where they now carry on a general fire, life, accident, tornado and plate glass insurance business, representing 16 of the most reliable companies of the country.

In 1865 Mr. Van Orden married Ellen Nutt, a lady from Ohio, whose death occurred in 1903. Mr. Van Orden has always been an active politician and has held many offices in the gift of the party. In all his public service he has carried himself with honor and uprightness and has done credit to himself and his party. Of a genial, companionable nature, he has taken great pleasure in various fraternal organizations, and joined the order of Odd Fellows at the age of 21. As a Mason he belongs to both Houghton Lodge and Houghton Chapter. In religious views he is liberal, demanding and giving freedom of thought on all questions and regulating his life according to his conscience.



### JOHN B. DEE.

JOHN B. DEE is a prominent young business man of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, and in association with his brother, James R. Dee, has been identified with the management and operation of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company in Houghton County, since its establishment. James R. Dee is county manager of the company.

John B. Dee was born in 1865, in Keweenaw County, Michigan, and is a son of William and Ellen Dee, the latter of whom died in 1880. The father was born in County Waterford, Ireland, and was an early settler in this part of the country. His death took place some 15 years since. Our subject is one of five sons who reside at Houghton, the other four being: James R.; Thomas S., manager for Paine, Webber & Company; William H., a wholesale cigar dealer; and Martin.

John B. Dee attended the schools of his locality until the age of 14 years when he entered into business life. He is in every sense a self made man and commands the esteem of his community. In addition to his duties at the office of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company at Houghton, Mr. Dee is treasurer of a mercantile company operating general stores at Painesdale and Baltic. Of this company James R. Dee is president and H. S. Goodell is secretary; the latter has charge of the store at Painesdale which was estab-

lished in January, 1901. The store at Baltic is under the immediate charge of our subject. It was established in 1903 and at that point Mr. Dee soon proposes to locate. His present residence is in East Houghton.

Mr. Dee married a daughter of Charles Baubein, an early settler of Keweenaw County, Michigan, where Mrs. Dee was born. In politics Mr. Dee is an active worker in the Republican party, but he has as yet never consented to hold office.

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### EDWARD KOEPEL.

EDWARD KOEPEL, assistant superintendent and master mechanic at the Tri-Mountain stamp mills, in Stanton township, Houghton County, Michigan, was born in 1865 at Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and is a son of Frank and Amelia (Goeldner) Koepel.

Frank Koepel was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1830, and there was trained to the work of an horticulturist. Coming to America in 1860, he located in Wisconsin, where he engaged in the brewery business but later retired and removed to the Lake Superior region and in 1869 engaged in the Franklin mine as a miner. In 1873 he engaged with the Calumet mills at Lake Linden, a position that he filled with much ability until his death, which occurred April 26, 1887. His wife, Amelia (Goeldner) Koepel, mother of our subject, was born in Germany and came to America in company with her parents when two years of age. She now lives with her daughter at Lake Linden and is 58 years of age.

Edward Koepel received his education in the schools of Houghton County, Michigan. At 16 years of age, he commenced to work at the Calumet stamp mills as a copper washer and continued there for four years, learning the machinist's trade, as an apprentice at the Calumet mills. In 1898 he took charge of the machinery in the Arnold mine and the Copper Falls mills, also of the Humbolt and Meadow mines during the progress of the construction work. He remained there from May 1, 1898, until May 1, 1899, when he took the position as master mechanic during the construction

of the Arcadian stamp mills, which work was completed in 1900. In 1901 he was made assistant superintendent and master mechanic at the Tri-Mountain stamp mills, a position that he now fills with marked ability.

Mr. Koepel was married in 1897 to Clarissa Sarazin, who was born in Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, and is a daughter of Norbert Sarazin. Our subject has three children, namely: Norbert, born November 22, 1898; Helen, born April 25, 1900; and Dorothy, born November 24, 1903. Socially our subject is a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Knights of the Maccabees. He served as chief of the Lake Linden Fire Department for five years. Religiously Mr. Koepel is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.



#### F. J. BAWDEN.

F. J. BAWDEN, president of the Houghton County Street Railway Company, who served the county most efficiently as sheriff from 1889 to 1893, has been a resident of the copper country since the spring of 1876, and for some years was associated with S. D. North & Son, in the Quincy mine store. His residence is at Houghton and he has a convenient office in the Sheldon-Dee Building. He is also a member of the wholesale firm of Bawden & Close of Hancock.

Mr. Bawden was one of the most active promoters of the street railway company, taking the proposition east and interesting Boston capital. The result was that in the spring of 1898 the company was organized, with a capital stock of \$750,000, and since then it has authorized the issue of \$500,000 preferred stock, of which \$200,000 was issued by August, 1901. The enterprise has been a very successful one, as on April 1, 1902, a dividend of 6 per cent. on par value was paid. The mileage of the road is now about 25½ miles, the line being completed to the Wolverine mine. This includes the track from Florida to Lake Linden. It is the only electric road in the vicinity, and has its power house and barns located at Hancock. The officers of this company are the following prominent and responsible men:

F. J. Bawden, president; Alba H. Warren, superintendent; Henry B. Sawyer, treasurer; John W. Wayne, assistant treasurer, while Stone and Webster are the general managers.

Mr. Bawden has been not only a prominent citizen of the county, but also of Houghton, where he resides, serving a number of terms in the Village Council. Fraternally he is a Mason and a member of the Montrose Commandery, K. T., of Calumet, Michigan.

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### ADOLPH HAAS.

ADOLPH HAAS, long identified with the A. Haas Brewing Company, was born April 9, 1852, in Houghton County, Michigan, and is one of the two sons of the late Adam Haas. He was reared in his native place and then went to Appleton, Wisconsin, where he took a collegiate course of two years, graduating in 1872 at the age of 21 years. He then became identified with his father's brewery, and attended to the outside business until the death of his father in 1888.

In 1890 the A. Haas Brewing Company was incorporated, Joseph Haas being the president. The two brothers of the family were the executive officers and with the sisters formed the board of directors. In August, 1901, the business, including the good will, was sold to a new company and is still operated under the same name. Since that time Mr. Haas has been engaged in mining operations. For several years he has resided at Houghton, where he owns considerable valuable residence and business property.

In 1876 Mr. Haas was married to Catherine Berringer, who was born in France, and who at the time of their marriage was a resident of Negaunee, Marquette County, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Haas have a family of four children, namely: George Allen, of Houghton, Michigan; Elizabeth Viola, who was educated at Grosse Point, near Detroit; Leo Clarence and Hazel Antoinette.





JOSEPH BOSCH.

Politically Mr. Haas is a Republican, but seeks no official recognition. Religiously he is a consistent member of St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Church.

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### JOSEPH BOSCH.

JOSEPH BOSCH, president of the Bosch Brewing Company of Lake Linden, Houghton County, Michigan, which also operates a branch establishment in Houghton, is engaged in various other enterprises and is one of the best known men of the Northern Peninsula of Michigan.

Mr. Bosch was born in Baden, Germany, February 11, 1850, and is a son of Joseph and Mary (Gleirscher) Bosch. His parents came to the United States in 1854 and settled in New York City, where they resided until 1862. In that year they moved westward and located in Port Washington, Wisconsin, where the father engaged in the manufacture of beer until 1867, the year of his removal to Lake Linden. There he resided until his death in 1875. His wife died in 1871. Their family numbered two daughters and one son, our subject being the youngest.

Joseph Bosch was only four years of age when he accompanied his parents across the Atlantic to America. He attended the public schools of New York until about the time the family moved to Wisconsin, when he was 12 years old. While still a mere boy he started out to make a livelihood, and has since been dependent upon his own resources. After moving to Wisconsin with his parents, he learned the brewing business under his father. He remained at that business in Port Washington until 1867, when he came to the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, and located at Lake Linden, Houghton County, where he accepted a position in the stamp mill of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company. In 1872 he went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he was employed in the Schlitz Brewery for a time, then went to Cleveland, Ohio, and later to Louisville, Kentucky, making this trip for the purpose of acquiring a better knowledge of the brewing business. In 1874, he returned to Lake Linden and established a brewery which



he conducted alone for two years. In 1876 he admitted to partnership Joseph Wertin, Sr., Joseph Wertin, Jr., and George Wertin, Mr. Bosch retaining a controlling interest in the business, which was conducted under the firm name of Joseph Bosch & Company, until 1894. After the death of Joseph Wertin, Sr., our subject purchased the interest of the latter and his son, Joseph Wertin, Jr., and formed a stock company which is known as the Bosch Brewing Company and in this he has the controlling interest. February 1, 1899, the Bosch Brewing Company of which our subject is president, purchased the Scheurmann Brewing Company of Houghton, Michigan, where the brewery of the latter concern is still operated and known under the name of the Scheurmann branch of the Bosch Brewing Company. They are among the largest and best equipped plants of the kind in the State, and have developed an extensive trade. They are modern in all their appointments, and have a capacity of 60,000 barrels annually.

The business ability of Mr. Bosch is by no means limited to one line of undertaking, and the material prosperity of Lake Linden has been largely aided by his efforts. He is president of the First National Bank of Lake Linden, which he helped to organize in 1888. In 1885, in company with N. Reding, he bought out the general merchandise store of D. W. Sutter, which they conducted under the firm name of N. Reding & Company until 1892. Our subject purchased his partner's interest and carried on the business alone until 1893, when it was incorporated under the name of the Poull Mercantile Company. Thus it continued until 1902, when the company's effects and business were sold to the Lake Linden Co-operative Company Society, N. P. Poull, brother-in-law of Mr. Bosch, having died the year previously. Mr. Bosch is recognized as one of the most able and prominent men of the Lake Superior copper mining region and has taken an active interest in all ventures calculated to improve it and advance its interests. He is exceedingly liberal, giving freely of time and means in support of all worthy enterprises, and is of a charitable disposition, always ready to extend a helping hand to the needy. On May 20, 1877, nearly the entire town of Lake Linden was swept away by fire, Mr. Bosch losing his brewery, store and residence, but fortunately much of this was covered by insurance. With characteristic energy he rebuilt the buildings and soon had his business run-

ning, having lost but little time by the interruption. He built a handsome residence, and has erected many other buildings in the village, which are now very valuable properties. His business life has been a great success, the result of hard work, the acceptance of every opportunity presented, and judicious investments.

In 1875 Mr. Bosch was married to Mary Wertin, who died in 1888, leaving one child, Mary J., born December 3, 1875. He was again married, July 23, 1890, to Kate Kemp, by whom he has four children: Antoinette, born May 29, 1891; Martha W., born February 2, 1893, and died March 1, 1899; Joseph, born May 8, 1894; and Ernest, born September 12, 1898. The family are members of the Catholic Church. In politics, Mr. Bosch is a moderate Republican, and for four years efficiently discharged the duties of mayor of Lake Linden. His portrait accompanies this sketch.

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### L. H. RICHARDSON.

L. H. RICHARDSON, county clerk of Houghton County, Michigan, and a prominent citizen of Hancock, became a resident of the Northern Peninsula in 1872, first locating at L'Anse, Baraga County. He was born and reared in Rhode Island and there received an academic education. In young manhood he started west, and was in the neighborhood of Omaha and Salt Lake City when the Union Pacific Railroad was completed, being employed at that time in the train service as baggageman.

After locating in L'Anse Mr. Richardson served in a clerical position in a mercantile business for six years, and then removed to Hancock, where he was engaged in a mercantile business of his own until he was elected to his present office. He entered upon its duties on January 1, 1899, succeeding Robert H. Shields, who is now superintendent of the Arcadian mine. Mr. Richardson, by his close attention to the business and his careful and complete knowledge of the duties of the office, combined with a most accommodating spirit, has gained the full confidence of the public. There

have been times when a visit to the county clerk's office was a matter of long delay and some dissatisfaction, but it has not been so under the careful methods of Mr. Richardson.

In 1876 he married Miss P. L. Smith, of Eastern parentage. They have one son, Henry H., who is now in Arizona as mine engineer for the Lake Superior & Arizona mine,—he was born at L'Anse, is a graduate of the Michigan College of Mines, and is an exceptionally bright young man.

Mr. Richardson is prominent in fraternal organizations, belonging as a Mason to the local blue lodge and chapter, to the commandery of Knights Templar at Calumet, Michigan, and to the temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Marquette, Michigan. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Hancock, Michigan.



### EDWARD C. DES ROCHERS.

EDWARD C. DES ROCHERS, who has been engaged in a successful business at the same location in Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, for the past 21 years, is one of the village's leading and representative citizens. He was born in Houghton in 1866, and is a son of the late Francis Des Rochers, who died in 1895, aged 70 years.

Francis Des Rochers was for a long period a very prominent man of Houghton County, serving as marshal of Houghton and as deputy sheriff. He was born in Canada, of French descent, and located at Houghton in 1862, coming from Detroit, Michigan. Our subject's mother was born in Detroit, and her death occurred in 1899. Of their large family all but two members were born in Detroit. These children were as follows: Charles, clerk for Northrup & Butler, died at the age of 21; Mary, deceased; Thomas; Lewis, who is in the South; J. George, manager of the dry goods house of L. Herman & Company at Houghton, Michigan; William, with Haer &

Company, of Detroit, Michigan; Rose, of Detroit, Michigan; and Edward C., of this sketch.

Edward C. Des Rochers was reared and educated at Houghton and attended the National Pharmacy Institute at Chicago, completing the course at that institution in 1886. He has been associated for the past 21 years with the drug firm in which he purchased his interest in 1897, and deserves the confidence which is placed in him as a prescription druggist. He carries a large line not only of medicines and surgical appliances, but also all commodities usually found in a first class establishment of the kind.

In 1898 Mr. Des Rochers married a daughter of M. M. Foley, who was a merchant for a number of years in Houghton, Michigan. Two children have been born to this marriage: Edward M. and Jerome Fauster. Politically Mr. Des Rochers is a Democrat. In his religious views he is a Catholic, being a leading member of St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Church of Houghton, Michigan.

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#### R. M. EDWARDS.

R. M. EDWARDS, superintendent of the Isle Royale Copper Company, was born at Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, in 1864, and is a son of Thomas W. Edwards, who was born in Devonshire, England, and came here about 1850, being at that time about 11 years old. His death occurred in 1899, when he was in his 60th year.

Richard Edwards, the grandfather of our subject, at the time he came to America with his son, Thomas W., and located in the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, took charge of the Albion mine, in the interest of Philadelphia parties, and also, in Keweenaw County, had charge of the Manhattan mine. He was a practical miner, having followed the business in England. He resided at Houghton, Michigan, where he died at the age of 70 years, one of the most respected citizens of the place. Thomas W. Edwards was not so active in management, but was a mine owner and capitalist, and was largely interested in real estate. He opened the Wolverine mine, north of Calumet,

and was interested in a number of properties until his death. He also resided at Houghton, Michigan, where he was prominent in political life and stood for election to the office of supervisor on the Democratic ticket. His widow, a native of the State of New York, resides at Houghton. The members of the family, exclusive of our subject, are: George C., who is in the National Bank of Houghton; Mrs. John Knox, whose husband is at the Trimountain mine, where they reside; W. L., who is in business at Baraga, Baraga County, Michigan; and Emma, who resides with her mother.

In 1886 R. M. Edwards, the subject of this sketch, graduated at the Columbia School of Mines, at New York City, and then filled the position of professor of mining at the Houghton College of Mines until 1889. The succeeding 10 years were spent as mining engineer for the Tamarack Mining Company, during which time he lived in the vicinity. In 1900 he moved to Houghton to accept his present position and owns a fine home in East Houghton. The Isle Royale Copper Company had been organized by the consolidation of several mines some years prior to this. It controls about 3,000 acres and gives employment to a large force, averaging 250 and sometimes reaching 600 in number. Mr. Edwards has the difficult task of superintending this large business, and his executive force is exemplified in his admirable organization of men and labor.

In 1893 Mr. Edwards married a daughter of Peter Gottstein, a pioneer of this region, and a granddaughter of Joseph Paull, also well known. Politically Mr. Edwards is identified with the Democratic party. In his religious views he is an Episcopalian.

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### ADOLPH J. RUHL.

ADOLPH J. RUHL, founder of the Lake Superior Produce & Cold Storage Company and the Peninsula Wholesale Grocery, of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, was born at Hancock, Michigan, in 1869, and is a son of Adolph and Katarina (Hoffenbacher) Ruhl, both of whom were born in Germany, and now reside at Hancock, Michigan.

Adolph Ruhl was born in the Dukedom of Nassau, in the southern part of Germany, in 1830, and came to the United States in 1851, locating at the Cliff mine, at Eagle River, Michigan, where he continued to live for two years. He then worked on a farm for four years, and then went back to mining and continued in this employment until 1859, when he removed to Hancock, where he built one of the first residences. He located in Hancock to work for a steamship company with which he remained three years and for a like length of time for the firm of Condon & Holland. He then entered into business for himself, continuing until 1883, when he retired. In 1856 he married Katarina Hoffenbacher and they have seven children, namely: Henrietta, wife of Benjamin Weider, a harnessmaker of Hancock, Michigan; Amelia, wife of Herman Zetzsch, of Hancock, Michigan; Sophia, wife of Joseph Weisniller, of Hancock, Michigan; Katherine; Adolph; John W., a member of the Lake Superior Produce & Cold Storage Company; and Matilda. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ruhl are members of the Lutheran Church and assisted in the building of the first edifice in the city. Mr. Ruhl joined the Germania Aid society in 1860 and he is also a Mason and an Odd Fellow.

After completing the common school course at Hancock, our subject entered the University of Michigan and studied pharmacy for two years. In 1889 he went into the drug business, the firm being Ruhl & Barry, of Houghton, and continued until 1893, when he began a produce commission business at Houghton which he continued until 1899, when he organized the Lake Superior Produce & Cold Storage Company, starting in with a capital of \$65,000, the object of the concern being to supply the trade of Houghton, Baraga and Ontonagon counties. This enterprise met with such surprising success that in the following spring the capital was increased to \$100,000, and the operations were extended into a wider field. The company then bought the Hutchinson Produce Company in Minnesota, which is being used as a supply station, and there they buy eggs, poultry and milk, and manufacture themselves a grade of butter which has been placed upon the market and has gained reputation as the "Premium Brand Pasteurized Creamery Butter." It is shipped directly from Hutchinson, Minnesota, and is distributed all over the country. In 1903 the company increased its capital stock to \$500,000 and went into the wholesale grocery business, under the

name of The Peninsula Wholesale Grocery, the stock of which is held exclusively by business men of Houghton County, the officers being: John P. Peterman, president; J. Vivian, vice-president; John W. Ruhl, secretary and treasurer; A. J. Ruhl, general manager, and the original founder of a business which has been developed through his ability from a small commission enterprise into a business of \$1,000,000.

In 1892 Mr. Ruhl was married to Fanny Harris, who is a daughter of William and Mary Ann (Hutchins) Harris, and a native of Houghton County. They have three children, viz: Jack Harris; William Adolph; and Margaret Jeannette.

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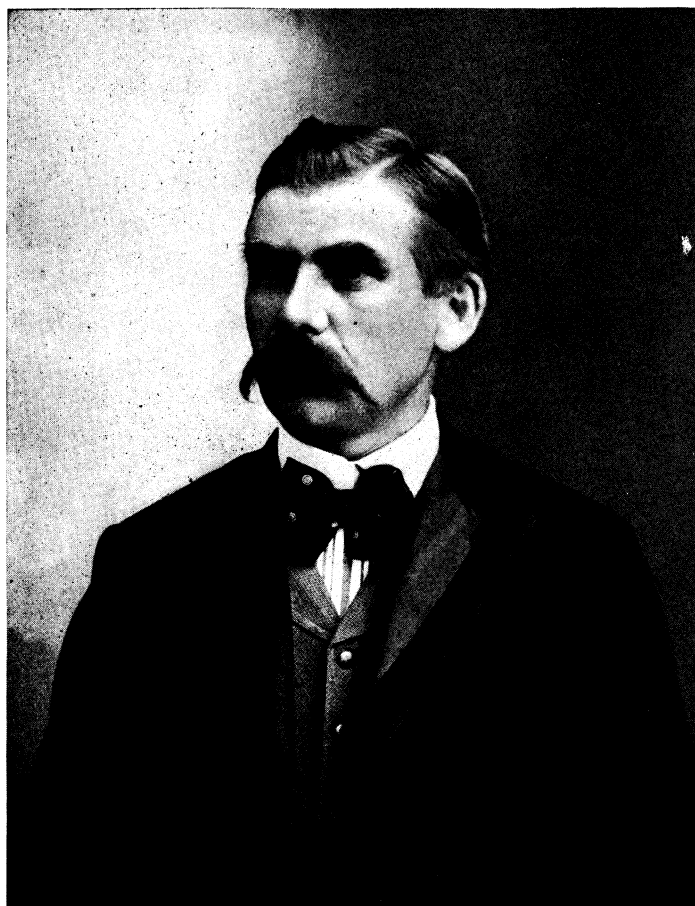
### GEORGE ALEXANDER GUTSCH.

GEORGE ALEXANDER GUTSCH, one of the old pioneers of Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, proprietor of the Hotel Gutsch, and one of the best known citizens of Houghton County, was born in Germany in 1821 and came to the United States in 1853. After spending six months in New York he went as far west as Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and was engaged there as cooper in a brewery.

Mr. Gutsch located in Houghton, Houghton County, first in 1858, being interested in a saloon business for a considerable period. He then visited Leavenworth, Kansas, and Chicago, Illinois, and decided that the Northern Peninsula offered better business opportunities, and located again at Houghton in a restaurant and confectionery business, remaining in the village from 1865 to 1869. For the following five years he engaged in a hotel business at L'Anse, Baraga County, returning then for one year to Houghton, going then for the two succeeding years to L'Anse. In 1877 he returned to Houghton County, taking up his residence in Hancock, where he entered upon a hotel and saloon business, opening up the Hotel Gutsch, which long remained the best and most high priced hostelry in the city. Although he has reached his 82d year, he is still at the head of this hotel, conducting it







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with old time vigor and carefully providing for the comfort and entertainment of his guests.

Mr. Gutsch obtained his education in the schools of Germany. He belonged to the party of revolutionists of 1849 and was exiled by the German government. In 1854, in New York, he married Theresa Martin, who was also born in Germany, and still survives, aged 76 years. Their family consists of one son and five daughters. They belong to the Catholic Church. Until the campaign of 1896 Mr. Gutsch had always been a Democrat, but he then cast his vote for William McKinley. There are few men in Hancock who have witnessed more stirring events in the early settlement of the locality than has Mr. Gutsch, and his reminiscences are both entertaining and valuable to the collector of local history.

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#### AUGUST PELTO.

AUGUST PELTO, one of the best known Finnish residents of Houghton County, Michigan, whose portrait is shown on the preceding page, is the proprietor of a long established merchant tailoring house of Hancock, where he has lived most of the time for the past 20 years. He was born in Finland in 1858, and came to the United States to seek his fortune. While his progress was at first slow, on account of not being acquainted with the language and customs of America, he has overcome his disadvantages and is a thorough citizen of the republic, strengthened by his cultured business methods. In 1880, soon after his arrival in this country, he engaged as a miner at the Allouez mine, situated near Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan, later entering the employ of the Mineral Range Railroad Company as a grader. He removed after a short experience in railroad building to Hancock, Michigan, where he entered the employ of Michael Doyle as a tailor, and continued two years, when he went to Negaunee, Marquette County, where he worked at his trade the following two years, then again returning to Hancock to stay but a short time when he returned to Negaunee to live two years more in that town.

In 1887, Mr. Pelto established his present business with a partner named Allen, under the firm name of Pelto & Allen. In 1889, he bought out Allen and has continued his business ever since, and has been most successful in his efforts to secure a leading place among the merchant tailors of the city; has built up a fine business and has the largest establishment in Hancock, employing about 11 men.

In 1884, Mr. Pelto married Mary Wilhelmina Sandelin, daughter of Karl and Breda Sandelin. They are the parents of six children, namely: Axel A.; John A.; Marie Elina; Gustavus A.; Katri Helen and Karl O.

The subject of this sketch is a Republican and is serving as deputy oil inspector for the Seventeenth District, having been appointed to that position two years ago, and reappointed in July, 1903, for two more years. He exerts considerable political influence among the Finnish residents of Houghton County. For some time he was a director of The Suomi College and Theological Seminary at Hancock. Socially he is a member of the A. O. U. W., I. O. O. F., M. W. of A., Masons, Elks, Finnish Maccabees and the Finnish Kalevan Ritari. Mr. Pelto and his family are members of the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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### ALOYS HUSS.

ALOYS HUSS, one of the best known pioneer residents of the copper region, who has spent 50 years in the Northern Peninsula, is an enterprising citizen of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, and deserves great credit for the work he has done in assisting in the upbuilding of Houghton. Mr. Huss was born in Westphalia, Germany, in 1834; upon coming to America when a youth, he located in Milwaukee, where he resided but three months and then moved to the Lake Superior copper region and engaged as a miner at the Cliff mine until 1856. In that year he removed to Houghton, then but a village of a few miners' shanties, where he engaged in mining at the Quincy

mine under Captain Worminghouse, and later at the Isle Royale and various other mines in that vicinity.

In 1872 Mr. Huss discontinued mining and acted as deputy to Sheriff William Wern and also filled the position of jailer for two years, from 1872 to 1874. He was engaged in the saloon business for 20 years where the Shelden-Dee Building now stands, but since that time has lived in practical retirement, having various real estate interests to look after. He owns four houses in Houghton and resides in a comfortable and well appointed home.

In 1874 Aloys Huss married a daughter of Mr. Antrees, a well known farmer and school teacher of Houghton County, who later moved to Nebraska, where he followed farming and resided until death. Mrs. Huss died in 1892, aged 50 years, leaving three children, namely: John C., a graduate of the Michigan College of Mines, and a civil engineer of marked ability, now residing in Houghton, Houghton County; George F., who now resides in Oshkosh, Wisconsin; and Elizabeth D., who is housekeeper for her father.

Our subject has been a member of several fraternal orders, but at present is not an active member. He was for many years a Democrat, but owing to that party's position on the silver question he has been a Republican for some years past.



### JAMES MOORE.

JAMES MOORE, master mechanic at the great Quincy mine, and one of the most skilled men of his profession in the copper country, was born near Bennington, Vermont, where he was reared and educated. He displayed a taste for mechanics very early in life and learned the machinist's trade in the locomotive works at Paterson, New Jersey. In 1861, at the outbreak of the Civil War, he returned to Vermont and enlisted as a private in Company G, 1st Reg., Vermont Vol. Cav. He participated with his regiment in many of the earlier engagements of the war, being under the command of General Shields at Winchester and later under General Banks, but did not accompany the latter from the Shenandoah Valley. In 1862, while his

regiment, the only body of cavalry in the Valley at the time, was rapidly advancing, he was captured by a party of "Stonewall" Jackson's men, under Lieutenant Eastman, and was taken to a Richmond prison for some months, the deprivations during this time impairing his health to such an extent that after parole he was confined in a hospital at Washington, D. C. Mr. Moore was not actively in the service after that time, except on a gunboat, and was finally mustered out at Washington, in 1863. It required a long time to restore him to perfect health. After a short visit in Vermont he accepted a position as boss machinist at Mystic, Connecticut, and later located at Hartford as acting engineer with the Woodruff & Beach Iron Works Company, with which firm he continued 13 years. He came to the Lake Superior region in 1880 to put up for the company some hoisting engines at Silver Island, on Lake Superior, and then accepted an offer from the management of the Franklin mine as master mechanic, 11 years later going to the Quincy mine, where he has continued 12 years. Mr. Moore has charge of all the machine work connected with this mine and has under him some 80 men,—machinists, engineers and firemen.

In 1865 Mr. Moore was married, in Boston, Massachusetts, to Hortense Webster, and one son and four daughters have been born to this union, viz.: J. T., captain of the 27th Regiment, United States Infantry, now in the Philippines; Lottie, widow of Rev. John W. Savage, a Congregational minister of California; Mrs. Alice Reed, of Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. Nellie Huggett, residing near Knoxville, Tennessee; and Maude E., who is living at the pleasant family home at Quincy.

Politically Mr. Moore is identified with the Republican party and has been a very active member of E. R. Stiles Post, G. A. R., of Hancock, Michigan, in which he has filled all the chairs and is past commander. A man of reliability and judgment, he has very acceptably filled the office of justice of the peace for a number of years in Quincy township. In religious views he is liberal, his creed kindly covering with compassion many of the failings of poor human nature.

Captain J. T. Moore, the only son of our subject, graduated at the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1892. He was badly wounded when serving under General Baldwin, at the first fight in the Philip-

pine Islands with the Moros, and was returned home on a furlough. He has made the trip to the Philippines three times. His wife, who was a daughter of the late Brigadier-General Mason, has accompanied him on these trips. Their home is in New York City where their one son, Kenneth, is attending school.



### MATTHEW McCONNELL.

MATTHEW McCONNELL, one of the old railroad men of Northern Michigan and for 20 years a resident of Houghton, Houghton County, was born in 1848 at Niles, Trumbull County, Ohio, and accompanied his parents to Marquette, Michigan, in 1851. He is a son of the late Matthew McConnell, who was married in Ohio and who brought his family to Marquette as stated. Our subject's mother died in 1885, the other surviving members of the family being a sister and two brothers, two of these residing at Los Angeles, California.

Matthew McConnell was born in Pennsylvania, later moved to Ohio and there acquired farm property. This he sold when he came to the Lake Superior region. In 1846 he had made a prospecting tour, as one of the very early visitors, and after permanently locating, in 1851, he erected a large plant for the manufacture of wrought iron in blooms and successfully conducted this business for years. He employed a large force of men, including a number of choppers, who cut the timber that was made into charcoal. From 1855 he engaged in farming, residing at Marquette, where he died in 1881, aged 72 years.

Our subject was reared and educated at Marquette and began railroad-ing while still a youth, serving consecutively in the positions of brakeman, baggagemaster and conductor from that time until 1885, when he resigned, having been a conductor from 1873. He was in the employ of the same road all these years, although several changes were made in its name, first being the Bay de Noquet & Marquette, then the Marquette & Ontonagon, later the

Marquette, Houghton & Ontonagon, and it is now known as the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway.

In 1882 Mr. McConnell was married to Frances Haas, who is a daughter of Adam Haas, extended mention of whom will be found in this volume. Two children have been born to this union: W. J., who is traveling through the mountains of California in search of health; and Grace E., a talented young lady who is a musical and general student at the Catholic Seminary at Grosse Point, near Detroit, Michigan. Mr. McConnell has but recently completed the erection of a beautiful modern home on Main street, in the eastern outskirts of the village of Houghton, and he also owns down town residence property which he has under rental. His wife and children are members of St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Church.



### OCTAVE SICOTTE.

OCTAVE SICOTTE, sheriff of Baraga County, Michigan, and a leading citizen of L'Anse, was born in Montreal, Canada, May 8, 1868, and is a son of Octave and Fardina (Collins) Sicotte, who came to Michigan from Canada in 1872, locating at Marquette, Marquette County, where the father followed a blacksmith business for five years, removing to L'Anse, Baraga County, in 1877, where he died.

Octave Sicotte is one of a family of 10 children born to his parents, nine of whom still survive. He was educated in the public schools of Michigan and then learned the blacksmith trade with his father, following the same until he was elected to his present office, and still owns the business where his father was located. He has always taken a very lively interest in political matters and has been a zealous supporter of the Republican party. For four years he served as marshal of L'Anse and with so much efficiency that his election as sheriff in January, 1903, met with general approval. Mr. Sicotte is a man of large means, owning considerable property in L'Anse, including the Sicotte Block (which was remodeled and modernized in 1901), a handsome residence and a large amount of timber land.

In September, 1893, Mr. Sicotte was united in marriage with Georgine Febre, who was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and they have had a family of four children, the survivors being: Hazel, Josephine and Doris. Sheriff Sicotte is held in general esteem as a man who has shown himself an able and reliable public official, and a generous, public spirited citizen.

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### CHRISTIAN BROEMER.

CHRISTIAN BROEMER, an industrious, well-to-do citizen of Houghton County, lately engaged in the blacksmithing business at the village of Pewabic, near Hancock, but now living retired, has been a resident of the Lake Superior region for 40 years. He was born near the city of Weimar, Saxe-Weimar, Germany, in 1841, and is a son of Casper and Dortha (Blow) Broemer.

Casper Broemer was a gardener in Saxe-Weimer, and died there in 1848, death being followed a few years later by that of his wife. They reared four children, three of whom came to America, viz: Theodore, George and Christian.

Theodore was the first of the brothers to come to America. He left the fatherland in 1854 and took up his residence in this country, where he followed his trade as a stonemason. He lost his life by drowning in Lake Michigan in 1862, while on a journey between Chicago and Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

George Broemer came to the United States in 1856, and located in Wisconsin, where he took up the pursuits of farmer and gardener. Later he removed to Illinois, where he died.

Christian Broemer received his education in Saxe-Weimar, where he learned his trade of blacksmith and machinist. In 1859 he shipped on the whaling ship "Delphine," as blacksmith (or armorer), and in the following year shipped on the steamer "New York," as blacksmith and machinist, in which ship he made six voyages. On the sixth voyage to New York City, in 1861, he left the ship and enlisted in the 41st Reg., New York Vol. Inf. He took part in the following engagements while in the service of his adopted



country: Cross Keys, Rappahannock and the second battle of Bull Run, where he was slightly injured by a fragment of a shell. Later, while on picket duty at Fairfax Court House, Virginia, he was taken ill with typhoid fever, and was sent to the Northwestern Hospital at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from which he was honorably discharged.

After his discharge from the army Mr. Broemer traveled to Wisconsin, and remained there two months, when he removed to Copper Harbor, Keweenaw County, Michigan, on Lake Superior. Later, he located near Hancock, Houghton County, at the village of Pewabic. With his splendid knowledge of the trade of blacksmith and machinist, especially as related to the iron work and machinery of vessels, he was at all times favored with abundance of work. He succeeded admirably in his calling and owns his home and blacksmith shop, which are located at the village of Pewabic. He is now living retired after 50 years of active life.

In 1865 Mr. Broemer married Emma Solomon, who died April 12, 1887; out of the 13 children born to her, she was survived by nine, namely: Sophia, born January 1, 1866; Agnes, born November 19, 1867; Christina, born September 2, 1874; Edward, born February 13, 1876; Alfred and Adolph (twins), born December 31, 1878; Frank W., born July 7, 1883; and Arthur, born March 3, 1887.

Mr. Broemer was the organizer of the first fire department in Hancock, Michigan, after the big fire in 1870. He is a member of Stiles Post, No. 173, G. A. R., and in religion is a member of the Lutheran Church.

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### PHILIP D. BOURLAND, M. D.

PHILIP D. BOURLAND, M. D., one of the leading medical practitioners at Lake Linden, Houghton County, Michigan, was born in 1873, at Peoria, Illinois, and is a son of Benjamin L. T. and Clara Elizabeth (Parsons) Bourland.

Benjamin L. T. Bourland was born in Christian County, Kentucky, in 1825. He is a prominent citizen of Peoria, Illinois, an attorney-at-law and a





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land agent. In politics he supports the Democratic party. Fraternally he is a Mason and Knight Templar. In religious views he is liberal. The mother of Dr. Bourland was born in 1838 at Granville, Massachusetts. She is a consistent member of the Unitarian Church in Peoria.

Dr. Bourland enjoyed superior educational advantages, including three years' study of the languages in Europe. He graduated at the Peoria High School and in 1891 entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and was graduated in 1895 as a professional analytical chemist. This profession he followed one year and then broadened his scope by entering the medical department of the University in 1896. In 1899 he was awarded his diploma as physician and surgeon, and thus thoroughly equipped he entered upon practice. He came to the Lake Superior region and went into the Calumet & Hecla Hospital as an interne and in 1900 was appointed on the regular staff of physicians for the company. In the fall of 1900 he was stationed at Lake Linden, where his professional skill has brought him into prominence.

In 1901 Dr. Bourland married Jessica McIntyre, who was born at Mattoon, Illinois, and is a daughter of Dugald S. and Ann H. (Ewing) McIntyre. Mrs. Bourland is a member of the Presbyterian Church. In political sympathy Dr. Bourland is a gold Democrat. He is still fraternally connected with his college societies, the Alpha Delta Phi and Nu Sigma Nu. He is a Mason and a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and the Woodmen, being medical examiner for the two last named.



#### RT. REV. FREDERICK EIS.

RT. REV. FREDERICK EIS, a distinguished prelate of the Roman Catholic Church, whose episcopal residence is located at Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, was born near Coblenz, Germany, in 1843. He came to America with his parents, who located in the Lake Superior country.

Bishop Eis was educated both in Canada and at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and was ordained to the priesthood at Marquette, by Bishop Mrak. He served as pastor of the cathedral parish, and later at both Hancock and Negaunee.

While still a priest, he was prominently identified with the church administration of the affairs of the diocese, and was one of the chosen consultors of the late Bishop Vertin. Upon the death of the latter in February, 1899, he was appointed administrator of the diocese of Sault Ste. Marie and Marquette. On June 7, 1899, he was appointed to the bishopric by Pope Leo XIII and was consecrated August 24, 1899, by Archbishop Katzer of Milwaukee, assisted by Bishop Schwebach and Bishop Messmer of Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Bishop Eis is known for his learning and piety and also for those qualifications so necessary for the management of the large affairs and complicated interests which fall within the jurisdiction of the high office of bishop. His portrait accompanies this sketch.



### EDWARD RYAN.

EDWARD RYAN, deceased, was very prominent among the bankers and merchants of the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, and his death, which occurred December 14, 1900, brought to a close a remarkably active and successful career. He was the founder of the First National Bank of Calumet, one of the soundest institutions of its kind in Michigan, and served as its president from its inception until his death. He was also a very prosperous merchant, operating stores at Hancock and Red Jacket, and the large estate which he left is now under the management of John D. Cuddihy and M. August Mette, who had been associated with him for many years.

Mr. Ryan was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, April 22, 1840, and at the age of fourteen years accompanied his parents to America, the family first settling upon a farm in Wisconsin. There Edward remained for ten years, and then removed to Portage Lake, Houghton County, Michigan, where he lived with his brother, John C. Ryan, who was a prominent mining man of the copper country. In 1857 he entered the employ of Ransom Shelden, of Houghton, with whom he remained for three years. In 1862, in company with his brother, Capt. William Ryan, he embarked in the general mercantile busi-

ness at Hancock, and purchased his brother's interest two years later. Under Mr. Ryan's capable management this store became one of the most extensive mercantile establishments in Northern Michigan, and warranted him in extending his operations to Red Jacket. There he established a store which rivals his Hancock business, and each succeeding year saw these establishments enlarged and more prosperous than before. Mr. Ryan's operations, however, were not confined exclusively to the mercantile business. In 1880, with Ransom Sheldon and others, he organized the Portage Lake Native Copper Works, and in 1877 organized the Hancock Mining Company. With his brother, John C. Ryan, as captain, he operated the Hancock mine successfully until 1885, when the decline in the price of copper made its continued operation impractical. In the early "eighties" our subject became interested in several iron mines in the Gogebic Range, and his venture in that direction proved a profitable one. He was president of the First National Bank of Calumet from its inception in 1886 until his death in 1900. He was also active in the organization of the Peninsula Electric Light & Power Company, for a long period serving as its vice-president. Possessing superior ability, unusual foresight and tireless energy, he had the courage to fight against and overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles, and in nearly all his undertakings his efforts were crowned with success.

In politics Mr. Ryan was a Democrat of the old school, and while he never sought honors at the hands of the party, he was always active in its councils and was conceded a leader in the State. The only political office he ever held was that of sheriff of Houghton County, to which he was elected in 1861. He was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1876, which nominated Samuel J. Tilden for the Presidency, and in 1892 was a delegate-at-large to the Chicago convention which nominated Cleveland. He was a member of the Board of Supervisors of Houghton County for nine years, and served as president of the village of Hancock for several terms, also served as moderator of the School Board from 1871 to 1899, and upon his resignation from the Board the citizens of the town presented him with a gold-headed cane. He displayed the same keen business ability in public as in his private affairs, and won the unbounded confidence and respect of his people.

Mr. Ryan was a liberal supporter of churches, education and charity,

never turning a deaf ear to an appeal for aid from those less favored than himself in this world's goods. He was a true friend of the laboring man, and hundreds of instances may be recalled where he rendered this class much needed assistance. One instance of his big-heartedness and generosity was in the miners' strike of 1872, when he opened his store to the miners and supplied their wants regardless of their ability to pay, and thus prevented great suffering, which otherwise would have existed.

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### MATHIAS SAILER.

MATHIAS SAILER, postmaster at Laurium, Houghton County, Michigan, and one of the town's leading citizens, was born in 1843 in Austria, and is a son of Mathias and Mary Sailer, both of whom were born in that country. Our subject's parents were people of good estate in their native land and died as they had lived, devoted members of the Catholic Church.

Mathias Sailer, our subject, obtained his education in the schools of his native land and there learned the butcher business, following the same in Vienna until 1870, when he removed to Berlin, Germany, and worked at the trade there until 1873, when he came to the United States. He engaged in his business for four weeks at Detroit, Michigan, and then located at Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan, where he entered the mines. After continuing at the vocation of a miner for two years, he went into the Calumet & Hecla rock house, where he was employed until 1876. He then decided to resume work at his trade and entered the butcher shop of George W. Shears, at Calumet, and remained with him until 1881, and continued with Mr. Shears' successor until 1886. In that year Mr. Sailer took up the business of butcher, erecting a shop in what is now Laurium. There he established a meat business which he continued until 1901, when he was appointed postmaster. After receiving his commission from President Roosevelt he disposed of his shop and now gives his entire attention to official business.

In 1873, in Berlin, Germany, Mr. Sailer married Wilhelmina Werth,

and they have a family of six children, namely: Wilhelmina; Mary, wife of Rudolph Haas, of Houghton, Michigan; Anna; Caroline; Joseph; and Antoinette. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sailer are members of the Lutheran Church. He is fraternally connected with the Masons, Odd Fellows, Maccabees, Sons of Hermann and the German Aid Society.

Mr. Sailer has been prominently identified with political affairs in town and township, has been president of the village for several terms, a member of the Council and treasurer of Calumet township. He has taken a lively interest in the progress and development of Laurium and is popular both officially and socially.



### ABRAHAM L. BURGAN.

ABRAHAM L. BURGAN, superintendent of the stamp mills of the Osceola Consolidated Mining Company and of the Tamarack Mining Company, is one of the most successful men in his profession in Houghton County, having reached a high station while still comparatively young.

Mr. Burgan was born at Lake Linden, Houghton County, Michigan, in 1872, and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Davey) Burgan. His father was born in Cornwall, England, in 1835, and there learned and followed the trade of a blacksmith at the mining mills until he came to America in 1855, and located in the Lake Superior copper region. He is now filling the position of foreman of the blacksmithing department of the Calumet & Hecla mills. He married Elizabeth Davey, a daughter of Thomas and Eliza Davey, both natives of England, and to this union have been born four children, as follows: Mary Jane; Thomas Edward, who is now assistant clerk of the Osceola Consolidated Mining Company; James, who is engaged in the gentlemen's furnishing business at Laurium, Houghton County; and Abraham L., subject of this sketch.

Abraham L. Burgan, after completing the course of study in the Lake Linden High School, in 1890, entered the University of Michigan; he received his degree in science and electrical engineering in 1895, and that of Master



of Science in 1896. In the summer of 1896 he was with Smith & Connant, of Detroit, Michigan, as consulting engineer, and in October of that year accepted the position of assistant superintendent of the Tamarack and Osceola stamp mills. In May, 1900, he went to the Isle Royale mills as superintendent, and in April, 1901, took his present position as superintendent of the Tamarack and Osceola stamp mills.

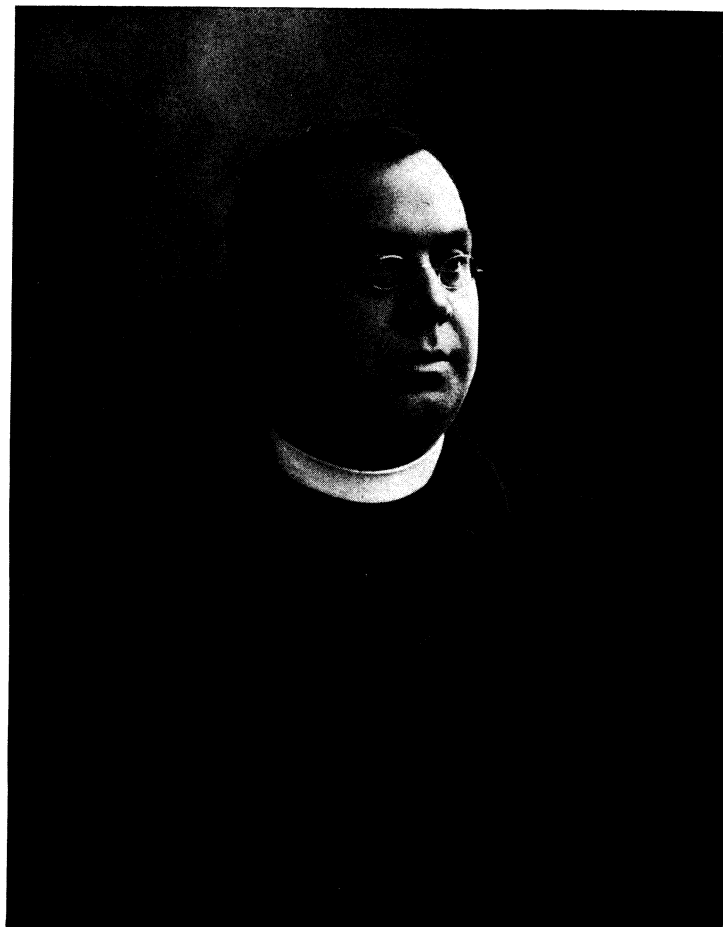
In 1897 Mr. Burgan was joined in marriage with Annie L. Read, a daughter of George and Mary Read, of Ann Arbor, Michigan. They have two children, as follows: Ethel Read, born April 28, 1900; and George L., born March 17, 1902. They attend the Methodist Church. Mr. Burgan is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.



#### REV. J. R. BOISSONNAULT.

REV. J. R. BOISSONNAULT, pastor of St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church at Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan, was born in Quebec, Canada, in 1863, and comes of a prominent French family which became settled in Quebec at the beginning of the seventeenth century. It is an extensive family and there is a book published that details its genealogy.

Rev. Mr. Boissonnault first attended the Christian Brothers' College, and afterwards took a classical course and studied theology in St. Laurent College for two years. He completed his study of theology in St. Jerome's Seminary at Berlin, Ontario, which institution he left in 1889. In that same year he came to Michigan, and on July 19th, of that year, at Marquette, was ordained by Bishop Vertin and installed as assistant pastor of St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church at Menominee, Michigan. In November, 1889, he was transferred to Newbury, Michigan, where he continued for five months, then for the following six months was pastor of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, at Hancock, Michigan. He was transferred to Michigamme, Marquette County, Michigan, where he remained for nine months, and was then assigned to Ishpeming, Marquette County, where he built the French



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church and house, this being St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. He left Ishpeming June 1, 1898, and removed to the French speaking people of Calumet, who were at that time using a frame building on Fifth and Scott streets, which had served the purpose of a hall. On this site the present beautiful edifice of brown stone stands. This congregation was started in 1885 by Father Vermare, a priest from France, who is now at Chassell, Houghton County. Rev. Mr. Boissonnault succeeded Father Poulin to this pastorate, and in June, 1900, commenced excavating for a new church building. St. Anne's Church was dedicated 13 months later and is an imposing structure, with a seating capacity for 900 persons. Its equipment is all strictly modern, and it is furnished with steam heat and electric lights. It is located on valuable property and is a credit to the town. A parochial school was established before our subject assumed charge, and under his wise direction it has improved and the membership increased. It is conducted by lay teachers and affords excellent opportunities to the children of the parish. There are some 400 families included in the congregation. Rev. Mr. Boissonnault has organized the Catholic Lady Foresters and Sodality for Young Ladies and has also organized the St. Cecelia Club, which is purely social in its aims.

Our subject left home at an early age in quest of study, and has been a diligent student ever since. He is a man of comprehensive knowledge and high aims, and wherever his path has wound good and generous deeds have followed. He has the material as well as spiritual welfare of his congregation at heart, and his noble character has inspired love and confidence in their breasts.



### ROBERT H. SHIELDS.

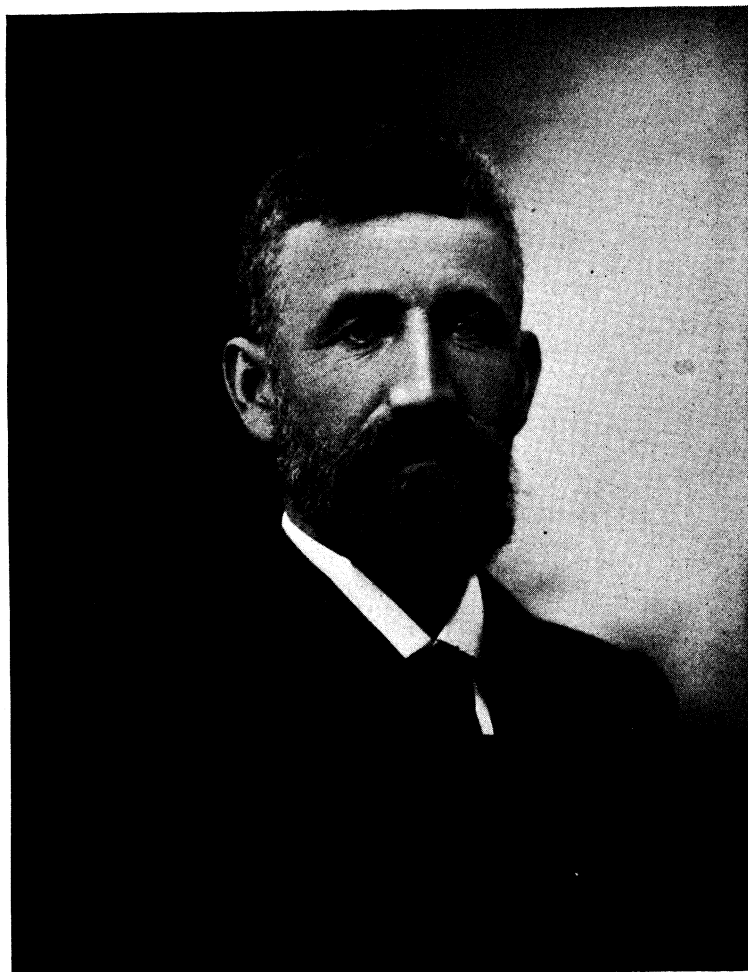
ROBERT H. SHIELDS, chairman of the Republican County Committee of Houghton County, Michigan, and superintendent at the Arcadian mine, was born in Houghton County in 1861. He is a son of James Shields, who emigrated from Scotland to Canada, and located in Keweenaw County, Michigan, in 1858.

James Shields was born at Kilmarnock, near Glasgow, Scotland, and was well and favorably known by his many countrymen in the copper country, where he filled many positions in connection with the mines and foundries. He died in 1889, and his widow lived until two years ago. Our object has four brothers and two sisters, namely: John C., superintendent of the Mineral Range Railroad; James W., superintendent at the Quincy mills; Joseph, who is in the employ of the Hancock & Calumet Railroad Company as engineer; Edwin R., employed in the motive power department of the Calumet & Hecla mine; Mrs. Edward Warren, whose husband is superintendent of the Franklin mills; and Mrs. Sarah E. Buchanan, widow, residing at Hancock, Michigan.

Until he was 11 years of age, our subject attended the public schools of Ripley, Houghton County, and then began washing copper at the Franklin stamp mills, where he worked two years. Later, during the summer seasons, he repaired the defects in his education, at the Indiana State Normal School at Valparaiso, Indiana, and still later took a commercial course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College at Detroit, Michigan, where he was graduated in 1883. Mr. Shields then engaged in school teaching at Ripley for five years, during which period he founded the *Portage Lake Herald*, now the *Hancock Journal*, with characteristic energy filling the positions of editor and one of the proprietors; he closed his interests in the enterprise in 1885-86. From 1888 to 1892 he was associated with the Centennial Copper Mining Company, and on January 1, 1893, entered upon the duties of county clerk. He served so acceptably that he was re-elected in 1894 and 1896, leading the Republican ticket. After serving as county clerk for six years, he resigned in order to accept the clerkship of the Arcadian Copper Company, this connection resulting in his appointment as superintendent two years later. The officers of the Arcadian Copper Company, whose general offices are at Boston, Massachusetts, are: A. C. Burrage, president; C. D. Burrage, secretary and treasurer; Nathan F. Leopold, of Chicago, Illinois, general manager; and Robert H. Shields, superintendent. Mr. Shields is also the efficient supervisor of Franklin township and is now serving his fourth term.

In 1883 Mr. Shields married Carrie K. Merton, daughter of the late James Merton, of Calumet, Michigan, and four children have been born to





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this union, viz.: Marion, Dorothy, Nathan L. and Robert Merton. Fraternally Mr. Shields belongs to the Elks and is very prominent in Masonry, being now the illustrious potentate of Ahmed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Marquette, Michigan. He is one of the leading Republicans of the county and is also identified with public improvements and civic growth.

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### GEORGE HALL.

GEORGE HALL, who for many years has been a prominent contractor of Houghton County and a resident of Wolverine, was born in the Province of Quebec, Canada, in 1849.

Mr. Hall removed to Houghton County, Michigan, in 1875, and during his first winter there drove a team. He located at Osceola and for two years worked for his brother-in-law, John Bagley, contracting for the Osceola Mining Company. He then branched out for himself in general contracting, railroading, mining and grading at the Osceola and other mines. He has followed that line of business ever since and has attained a high degree of success. He gradually perfected his equipment, buying new tools and teams as he acquired the means, and in time was able to handle large contracts, at times employing as many as 175 men with teams. He has done much building and repairing for the Mineral Range and other railroads. He built the Mohawk Railroad for the Mohawk Mining Company, in the summer of 1900, the line extending from the mine to Traverse Bay, a distance of 12 miles. For the past three years he has been engaged on the Copper Range with contracts for the Tamarack Mining Company. In the winter months he engages in the lumbering business, taking out timber from Houghton and Keweenaw counties. His brother, Robert Hall, of Laurium, Houghton County, has acted as superintendent in his lumber work during the past two seasons. George Hall has also been president of the Calumet Brewing Company since its organization in 1899, the other officers being: Charles Schenk, vice-president; Frank Schrader, secretary; and G. Martini,



treasurer. These gentlemen, with John Knivel, of Red Jacket, served as the board of directors. For a few months after locating in the copper mining region, Mr. Hall lived at Osceola, but has since resided at Wolverine. It was necessary to cut down many trees to clear a space on which to build his large and comfortable home, and with the logs he constructed a large barn, which is still in good repair and a reminder of early days. He does contract work for the Wolverine mine, and in his various branches of work employs between 50 and 60 men and teams the year around.

George Hall was married at Calumet to Jane Alicia Bagley, a lady of Canadian birth, and they have one son and two daughters living, namely: George, Jr., Gladys Ella, and Ruth Blanche, all of whom are at home and attending school. Those deceased are: Laura May, Beatrice Jennie, Ethel Florence and Arthur James. Politically, our subject has always been a strong supporter of Republican principles. Fraternally, he is a member of Lodge No. 1247, Modern Woodmen of America, of Calumet. In religious attachment, he and his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church of Kearsarge. He has large investments in real estate in the vicinity of Calumet and at Laurium, and is one of the substantial men of Houghton County. A portrait of Mr. Hall accompanies this sketch.



#### COL. JOHN P. PETERMANN.

COL. JOHN P. PETERMANN, one of the best known and most enterprising merchants of Keweenaw and Houghton counties, conducts stores at Allouez, Kearsarge, Phoenix and Mohawk, but makes his home in Allouez. He is considered one of the substantial men of his section of the State, having been identified with many enterprises and public improvements which have added to its resources. Colonel Petermann was born in Ontonagon County, Michigan, in 1863, and is a son of F. D. Petermann, who was a pioneer of the Lake Superior copper region.

F. D. Petermann located in Ontonagon County a half century ago and

spent some 35 years in the mining business. He served as mining captain at the Ontonagon, at the Calumet & Hecla, but retired about 1888 and removed to Buffalo, New York, where he still resides with his wife and youngest daughter. He has always been a stanch Republican in politics. He and his wife became parents of the following children, all of whom are living: George H., who has charge of our subject's Mohawk store; Col. John P.; F. D., Jr., who conducts a store at Wolverine; Albert E., a member of the well known law firm of Kerr & Petermann at Red Jacket; Mrs. F. B. Arnold, whose husband is a minister of the Lutheran Church, having been formerly pastor at Calumet; and a younger daughter who lives with her parents.

Col. John P. Petermann was five years old when his parents moved to Calumet, Michigan, and there he received a common school education. This was all the schooling he received, and such further education as he now possesses was acquired through contact with the world. For a number of years he was in the employ of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company as locomotive engineer, but resigned about 12 years ago, when he established a general store at Allouez in 1891. His success was such as to warrant him in establishing stores at a later date at Mohawk, Kearsarge and Phoenix. To these stores he devotes his attention mainly, but is interested in other business ventures. He is president of the Lake Superior Produce & Cold Storage Company, with offices at Houghton, which was organized in April, 1899, and has done a large and remunerative business. The other officers are William Parnall, vice-president; A. J. Ruhl, general manager, and W. J. Ruhl, secretary and treasurer. Our subject is also extensively interested in logging operations in Keweenaw County, Michigan, and is a stockholder in various mining companies.

Colonel Petermann was a member of the Michigan National Guards for 18 years, and in 1898 volunteered with the regiment for service in the Spanish-American War. He was colonel of the 5th Regiment, Michigan National Guards, and later of the 34th Reg., Michigan Infantry, U. S. Volunteers, which served in the Cuban campaign. He spent 52 days with his regiment in Cuba, and participated in the first engagement at San Juan. His regiment was mustered out in September, 1898, but he was not mustered out

until January 1, 1899. He spent one year more in the Michigan National Guards, and then resigned his commission.

Colonel Petermann was united in marriage with Ida Bollman, adopted daughter of E. Bollman, who is president of the village of Laurium, Michigan, and they have six children, namely: Philip; Paul; Karl; Lydia; George and Ida. In politics he has always been a Republican, and has frequently been called upon to serve in minor offices. He has served as supervisor of Allonez township, Keweenaw County, in a creditable manner. Religiously he and his family are members of the Lutheran Church.

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#### REV. JOHN HENN.

REV. JOHN HENN, pastor of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church at L'Anse, Baraga County, Michigan, has had many charges in the Marquette diocese and is well known and highly respected throughout the Northern Peninsula of Michigan.

Father Henn was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1860, and is a son of John Henn. The latter came to America from his native country, Germany, when 13 or 14 years of age, and spent the remainder of his life in Brooklyn, where he died in April, 1901. John Henn's wife died in May, 1900, and with the exception of our subject all the members of the family now living reside in New York State.

Father Henn attended the schools of Brooklyn, New York, then pursued a classical course of study in St. Vincent's College near Allegheny, Pennsylvania. He then went to Montreal, Canada, and for five years pursued theological studies and was prepared for the priesthood. Returning to St. Vincent's Abbey, near Allegheny, he was ordained by Bishop Mullen, of Erie, Pennsylvania, June 20, 1884. He soon after came to Michigan, and held the following charges in the Marquette diocese: Bessemer, Ontonagon, Michigamme, Norway, Iron River, Champion, Garden, Menominee (twice), Spalding, Nadeau, Lake Linden (twice), Eagle Harbor, and

L'Anse (twice). The last time he came to L'Anse was in 1901, and he has since been pastor of the Sacred Heart Church.

The Sacred Heart Church had its beginning in the services conducted by Father Terhoist, the noted Indian missionary. The first resident priest was Father Pelisson, who came in 1886, and was succeeded in order by Father Gilman, Father Joseph Haas (deceased), Father Dassylva, Father Reynardt, Father Schelhammer, Father Henn, who remained nine months; Father Joseph Wallace (deceased), Father Joseph Dupasquier, Father Fidelis Tutter (deceased), Father Joisten, who built the present stone church in 1894 and remained in charge five years; Father Joseph Pinten, Father Collins, Rev. Father J. Sauriol, who remained about one year; and finally Father Henn, who came in 1901, and is present pastor of the church. The church is built of redstone and was erected at a cost of ten thousand dollars and the congregation numbers about four hundred. The first church was called St. Joseph's, and is still standing on the southeast corner of the block on which the new church is located. The parsonage is located between the old and new churches. Father Henn represents the highest type of manhood, and exemplifies his teachings by the irreproachable life he leads. He has gained the love of his congregation to a remarkable degree, and commands the respect of his fellow men regardless of religious belief and attachment.



### PATRICK H. O'BRIEN.

PATRICK H. O'BRIEN, a prominent member of the Houghton County bar, and a well known and popular resident of Laurium, was born March 15, 1868, near the Phœnix mine, under the bluff, at the west vein, in Keweenaw County, Michigan. He is a son of Patrick J. and Mary Harrington (Green) O'Brien, both natives of Ireland.

Patrick J. O'Brien was born in Glengariff, County Cork, Ireland, and was killed while engaged in mining, in the Calumet & Hecla mine in Houghton County, Michigan, in August, 1890. He was a prominent leader in

Democratic politics, a man of strong convictions and was a man respected wherever known. He served as justice of the peace in two townships and impressed all who met him as a man of superior ability. He came to the United States in 1856 and located at Boston, Massachusetts, removing in 1863 to the Lake Superior region, going into the Cliff mine, in Keweenaw County, Michigan. From 1887 until the time of his death, he worked in the Calumet & Hecla mine. He married Mary Harrington Green, who was born on Bear Island, Botany Bay, County Cork, Ireland, and who still resides at Laurium, aged 66 years. She is a devoted member of the Catholic Church. A family of nine children is now represented by five survivors, viz: Michael E., a prominent life insurance agent at Laurium; Timothy; James; Patrick H.; and Annie, the latter being an accomplished kindergarten teacher at Calumet.

Patrick H. O'Brien was educated in the schools at Allouez, Keweenaw County, and the Osceola schools in Houghton County and was graduated at the Calumet High School in 1887, with scholastic honors. For the two succeeding years he taught school at Copper Harbor and Copper Falls. In 1889, he entered the law department of the Northern Indiana College at Valparaiso, Indiana, and finished the prescribed course in two years and was admitted to the bar April 1, 1891. In the same year he located at West Superior, Wisconsin, and despite the fact that he was one of 150 young lawyers who had settled in a city of 20,000 population, in eight years he had built up a very lucrative practice, mainly personal injury cases. In the summer of 1899 he removed to Houghton County and settled at Laurium, where he has become well and most favorably known, both as an attorney and as a citizen. For two years he served as village attorney and has taken part in a great deal of the important litigation of the locality. Mr. O'Brien has a reputation among criminal lawyers, having won some desperate cases.

Mr. O'Brien is a staunch Democrat and a supporter of the silver branch of the party. Like other men whose achievements have brought criticism upon them, Mr. O'Brien on many occasions finds opponents who are tempted to try their skill in argument with him. So ready is his wit, so thorough his knowledge, so keen his sarcasm and so eloquent is his tongue, that his opponents find him an opponent worthy of their steel. Mr. O'Brien has the

genial manner and attractive personality of his ancestry and wins personal friends by the score. In the profession, his ability, industry, carefulness, and integrity have brought him into prominence through the county and have served as an introduction to one whose eloquence is often sought upon festal occasions. That he is public spirited is a fact to which his fellow citizens can testify, for he is always ready to assist in the promotion of enterprises promising to be of benefit to the locality. Few men have more friends in the county than this popular young attorney.

Mr. O'Brien was married in 1897 to Bessie Kelly, who was born in Ottawa, Canada, and is a daughter of Daniel and Mary Kelly. Two sons have been born to them: Gerald, aged five years, and William D'Arcy, aged two years. Mr. O'Brien is a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Fraternally he belongs to the Elks, Knights of Columbus and other fraternal organizations.

Mr. O'Brien is a loyal party man in his political convictions and a firm supporter of principles he believes to be right. It would be difficult to find a citizen of Laurium more highly esteemed by all classes of citizens.



### JOSEPH H. LATHROP.

JOSEPH H. LATHROP, chief clerk of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company, has been a resident of Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan, since January 1, 1894. He was born at Bordentown, New Jersey, in 1842, and is a son of Rev. and Maria (Long) Lathrop. Mr. Lathrop's father was a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church and at the time of his death, at the age of 38 years, was serving as chaplain in the United States Navy.

Our subject was but an infant when his father's death occurred. When six years old, he was taken by his mother, since deceased, to Dedham, Massachusetts. His relatives are Eastern people of importance and he was given excellent educational advantages and in 1860, after graduating from the high school, was given a position in the treasurer's office of the Isle Royale

Mining Company of Boston, Massachusetts. The outbreak of the Civil War found him anxious to offer his services, and in 1862 he enlisted in Company D, 43rd Reg., Massachusetts Vol. Inf., where he was first a private and then sergeant. In January, 1864, he was commissioned 2nd lieutenant in the 4th Reg., Massachusetts Vol. Cav., and in January, 1865, was commissioned 1st lieutenant and made regimental adjutant. He was mustered out in November of that year. Mr. Lathrop participated in the greater part of the serious engagements in North Carolina and Virginia and was badly injured in August, 1864. He was taken prisoner in action at High Bridge, Virginia, April 6, 1865, and released at the surrender of General Lee, three days later. After his active military life, he still retained an interest in military affairs and from 1883 until 1894 served as captain in the Massachusetts volunteer militia. In 1897 he was made major and assistant adjutant-general on the brigade staff of the Michigan National Guards and continued a member for two years, resigning in 1899.

In 1870 Mr. Lathrop married Carrie E. Olin, of Boston, Massachusetts, and they have one daughter. They reside on Calumet avenue. Politically Mr. Lathrop is a Republican. Fraternally he belongs to the Elks and to Dedham Post, No. 144, G. A. R., of Dedham, Massachusetts, retaining his Grand Army membership there, as a post has not as yet been established in Calumet. He is also a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. In his religious faith he is an Episcopalian.



### THE MINING GAZETTE.

THE MINING GAZETTE, of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, was founded at Ontonagon, Michigan, in July, 1858, by George Emerson. In 1860 the paper was purchased by James R. Devereau and moved to Houghton, becoming the *Portage Lake Mining Gazette*, which has since been published continuously under that name and is now the weekly edition of the *Daily Mining Gazette*. The daily made its first appearance on Sep-







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tember 14, 1899, a strong company having been organized by William Gardner Rice, which purchased the *Portage Lake Mining Gazette* and its plant, moved the office and greatly enlarged the plant.

In November, 1900, the new paper had already outgrown its swaddling clothes and was moved into its present quarters, in the Dee Post Office building, where its offices and press rooms, including job and binding departments, are now located. There it is published on the first stereotype, web-perfecting press ever set up in the Northern Peninsula, and is steadily growing in influence and circulation as the recognized authority on the copper mining industry and the best news medium of the copper country. It has by far the largest circulation of any paper published in the Northern Peninsula. Charles Howard Kelsey is editor and John S. Penrose, business manager.



### CHARLES L. WICKSTROM.

CHARLES L. WICKSTROM, general manager of the store of Wickstrom, Niemi & Company, general merchants, located at Nos. 460-462-464 Pine street, Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan, was born in the Province of Uleaborg, Finland, July 28, 1868, and has been a resident of Calumet since 1885.

Mr. Wickstrom attended the schools of his native land and as soon as he was able to follow other members of his family to America, he did so. His destination was Calumet, which he reached by boat, taking the water route on the Great Lakes from Erie, Pennsylvania. He immediately secured work in the old Copper Falls mine, going later to the Tamarack, Centennial and others. On September 14, 1890, Mr. Wickstrom entered the employ of the mercantile firm of Hosking & Company, at Calumet, with which he continued until 1897, when he became an employe of Isaac Frederickson, one of the early merchants of Calumet, now living retired. On June 26, 1899, the firm of Wickstrom, Niemi & Company was formed, the business of

Mr. Frederickson being purchased. This firm is a leading one of the locality and the magnitude of its operations requires the services of 11 employes.

In 1893 Mr. Wickstrom was married, in Houghton County, to a daughter of Isaac Frederickson, for many years prominent in mining and lumbering, and a family of four children has been born to this union, namely: Carl Raymond, Ruth, Milma and Paul Lorimer, the two eldest already enjoying the advantages of the public schools.

In politics Mr. Wickstrom is an ardent Republican and is now serving his third term as a member of the Village Council of Red Jacket. He is prominent in the leading fraternal orders, belonging to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Elks, Modern Woodmen of America, and Sampo Tent, Finnish K. O. T. M. He is treasurer of Calumet Lodge, No. 404, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Both he and his wife are members of the Finnish Lutheran Evangelical church of Calumet.

Mr. Wickstrom is a self made man and a very successful one. He is public spirited and progressive and has accomplished wonders since he came to America from his far-away home in Finland. He brought with him the sturdy virtues of his race which have made prosperous every locality in which natives of Finland have found homes. His portrait accompanies this sketch, being presented on a foregoing page.



### AMOS RODGERS HARLOW.

AMOS RODGERS HARLOW. For generations the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, with its picturesque scenery and tonic breezes, remained the home of the wild beast, the Indian and the fisherman, hunter and trapper, while its great mineral wealth lay unsuspected beneath Nature's covering. When the discovery of iron and copper attracted attention to the Lake Superior region, scientists and geologists from the East made investigation which would have been of little value to the world had not men of means, enterprise and unbounding energy come forward, and engaged in the practical development of the marvelous hidden wealth of these hitherto neglected

regions. One of the earliest as well as most notable of these pioneers, one whose memory is cherished as the real founder of the city of Marquette, was the late Amos Rodgers Harlow.

Mr. Harlow's life covered a period of 75 years, his birth taking place at Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, April 23, 1815, and his death at Marquette, Michigan, October 2, 1890. He was a lineal descendant of Captain William Harlow, who came to the Plymouth Colony in 1642; the old house the latter erected is still standing and during the summer of 1887 was identified as the one built and occupied by this pioneer forefather, more than 200 years ago. On August 22, 1887, appeared a communication in the *Marquette Mining Journal*, which had been copied from the *New England Home Journal*, which was prepared by William T. Harlow, of Worcester, Massachusetts, and Hon. William T. Davis, ex-member of Congress, giving an account and identification of this historical landmark. Many of Mr. Harlow's ancestors on both paternal and maternal sides resided in the towns of Duxbury and Marshfield, in the old colony. His parents were Abner and Persis (Rogers) Harlow, natives of Plymouth County, who removed to Shrewsbury in 1813.

It was in the quaint old town of Shrewsbury that Mr. Harlow received a district school education, and in 1830, at the age of 15 years, went to Worcester, Massachusetts, to apprentice himself to the machinist's trade, the terms being that he should serve until he was 21 and should receive, in addition to his board, six weeks of schooling and \$40 in money per annum. The failure of his employer in 1834 released him from the unexpired part of his engagement. He had been an apt and diligent pupil and had a natural capacity for the work and had made such marked progress that in 1835 he was sufficiently qualified to engage in the manufacture of woolen machinery on his own account, which occupation he followed until June, 1849.

The discovery of iron ore in the Lake Superior region caused the immediate organization of companies all over the East for the developing of mines. The first company of this kind to operate in this region was the Jackson Iron Mining Company, which was organized in 1846 and took possession of the Jackson mine, located 12 miles west of Marquette. Two eminent scientists of Boston, Professors Whitney and Foster, had conducted a geological survey of the Northern Peninsula, but their valuable reports

had not yet been published. It was Mr. Harlow who prudently visited and consulted with these scholars and, returning to Worcester, reported favorably to capitalists who, with himself, had been contemplating the formation of a company to operate in what was then known as "Moody's Location." On March 5, 1849, Mr. Harlow organized the Marquette Iron Company, consisting of himself, W. A. Fisher and Edward Clark, of Worcester, Massachusetts, and Robert J. Graveraet, of Mackinac, Michigan. Mr. Harlow and his party from Worcester, consisting of his wife, daughter, his mother-in-law (Mrs. Martha W. Bacon), Edward Clark and a number of mechanics and employees, arrived at Sault Ste. Marie July 2, 1849, by steamers from Buffalo and Detroit. Leaving his family at the "Soo," he proceeded to Carp River (now Marquette) and arrived July 6, 1849. On looking over the ground, Mr. Harlow, with the foresight and good judgment which ever characterized him, saw immediately the absolute needs of the region, and on the 13th of the month started back to Massachusetts. When he returned to Carp River he brought from Worcester a 32-horsepower engine and boiler, sets of machinist tools and the necessary machinery and appliances for a forge, a circular sawmill and other articles which he realized would be in demand for the great enterprise planned.

In October, 1849, Mr. Harlow put in operation a steam sawmill,—the first of its kind at Carp River,—and on November 30th in the same year he had succeeded in having a post office established in these then remote regions, officiating as postmaster himself. The Marquette forge, where Mr. Harlow produced the first iron bloom here, was located near the lake shore, just north of the present Superior street, and was put in operation by him July 6, 1850, and was made use of until it was destroyed by fire, eight years later. It was in 1853 that Mr. Harlow laid out the first plat of the village of Marquette.

In August, 1852, Mr. Harlow purchased from the government the land and interest known as the New York mine, situated at Ishpeming, which is still a part of the Harlow estate. He became the owner of much real estate in the country, now valuable farming land, and made six additions to Marquette. Many of the present large business blocks in the thriving city were his property and of his construction, and he also owned a fine park of

seven acres, known as Crescent Park, in the center of which he placed his magnificent home. In addition to vast mining and lumbering interests, few enterprises of any moment were inaugurated without his connection with them. His domination was also shown in the management of the public affairs of the rapidly settling town and county, and with the greatest efficiency he administered the offices of justice of the peace, supervisor, county clerk and alderman. He was also concerned in the establishing of educational and religious advantages and in 1857, with his family, was prominent in the founding of the First Presbyterian Church of Marquette, which, until his death, he most liberally remembered.

On April 23, 1839, Mr. Harlow was united in marriage with Elizabeth M. Barbour, of Worcester, Massachusetts, who died at that place on January 29, 1840, leaving an infant son, George Prentice Harlow, who is a hotel proprietor at El Paso, Texas, and has one daughter. On September 28, 1843, Mr. Harlow married Olive Lavina Bacon, who was his congenial companion for nearly a half century. Mrs. Harlow is a lady of remarkable physical and mental activity, and although 80 years of age still manages her vast property with ease and superior business ability. She resides in the beautiful home in Crescent Park, this also being the home of her son-in-law, Hon. F. O. Clark, who married her daughter, Ellen J. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have one daughter,—Martha Bacon,—and one son,—Harlow Alden, who is a student at Oberlin College, preparing for a legal career.



### JOHN D. CUDDIHY.

JOHN D. CUDDIHY, who is identified with many of the business interests of the city of Calumet, Michigan, is manager of the Edward Ryan estate and as such has charge of the stores of the estate, located at Calumet and Hancock.

Mr. Cuddihy was born at the Isle Royale mine, where his father, Capt. Michael Cuddihy, the first mining captain of the Lake Superior mining coun-

try, was then employed. Later the family moved to Hancock, where John D. Cuddihy attended the public schools until another move of the family took him to the town of Calumet, which at that time was but a small mining camp. As the town increased in size, a public school was built and our subject was enrolled as its first scholar and was one of the eight that stood for honors at the end of the first term. When 15 years of age, he went to work at the Mineral Range telegraph office as messenger boy with the intention of learning telegraphy. He was not paid for his services unless the message to be delivered had to be carried over a mile from the office, in which case he got 25 cents per message. At this rate the largest amount he ever received for one month of work was \$2.75. In less than nine months, having mastered the dots and dashes of the Morse system, he received an assignment as operator at Eagle Harbor, where he received a salary of \$15 per month and board. He remained in that position until April, 1874, and then, in company with Captain Bendery, went to Baraga, Baraga County, Michigan, where the captain intended to establish a telegraph office. The arrangements in some way fell through, and young Cuddihy, during the two months of waiting for the office to become a reality, secured work loading lumber into scows. He then learned that when the office was established he was to receive only his board for his services, and as an offer was made him by Edward Ryan he returned to Calumet and went to work for him as clerk in a general store. He was promoted to head bookkeeper in 1879, and in 1887 was made manager. Mr. Cuddihy has found time to devote to other enterprises, and has become one of the substantial men of Calumet. He is vice-president of the First National Bank of Calumet, having been associated with its founder, Mr. Ryan, at the time of its organization. He is a director in the Northern Michigan Building & Loan Association, a director of the Superior Trust Company, and manager of the Calumet Theater.

Mr. Cuddihy is a Democrat and has taken an active part in politics. He has served two terms as clerk of Calumet, and was elected mayor of that city for six consecutive terms. He served as a member of the State Democratic Central Committee from 1894 to 1898, and rendered the party valuable service. Fraternally, he is a member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of

Elks, of which he is past exalted ruler and present district deputy for Northern Michigan. Mr. Cuddihy is a man of pleasing personality and has a host of friends throughout this section of the State.



### JOHN EDWARD JONES.

JOHN EDWARD JONES, who is one of the best known and most successful financiers of Houghton County, is cashier of the First National Bank of Lake Linden. He is a careful and capable business man and, having been engaged in banking work throughout the whole of his active career, he is well qualified for the office of cashier, with its great responsibilities and requirements.

Mr. Jones was born in Rockville, Grant County, Wisconsin, March 3, 1863, and is a son of James and Margaret (Owens) Jones. His father was born in Wales and came to the United States in 1855, locating in Wisconsin. He farmed and worked in lead mines for many years, but since 1883 has lived a retired life. He is 78 years old, and is spending his declining years in the home of our subject in Lake Linden. His wife, Margaret Owens, was born in Wales and died in 1880, at the age of 62 years. Six children blessed their union, of which number four are living, namely: Thomas V., an engineer at Houghton, Michigan; Sarah E.; John Edward; and Richard D., a dentist of Calumet, Michigan.

John E. Jones received a common school education at Hancock, whither his family had moved when he was but a few years old. Upon leaving school at the age of 17 years he entered the First National Bank of Hancock as messenger boy, and continued there in different capacities for a period of nine years, during which time he rose to the position of book-keeper and gained a thorough knowledge of the principles of banking. In August, 1889, he removed to Lake Linden and accepted the office of cashier of the First National Bank, in which capacity he now serves. This institution had been organized the year previously by such men as Joseph Bosch,



William Harris, E. L. Wright, of Hancock, Frank E. Fletcher, M. B. Patch and John Trelease. The last named was the first president, and W. G. Hegart was cashier. The bank was incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000, at which figure it continues today. Its deposits reach the large sum of \$650,000, and its surplus and profits are approximately \$100,000. The present officers are: Joseph Bosch, president; Charles Smith, vice-president; and John E. Jones, cashier. In addition to the officers, the following well known men are numbered among the directors: John Daniel, E. L. Wright, J. H. Wilson and Fred Smith. Mr. Jones is also a director and president of the Lake Linden Supply Company, a very prosperous business concern. He also serves as deputy revenue collector.

In March, 1892, Mr. Jones was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony with Annabelle McIntyre, who was born in Hancock, Michigan, in 1865, and is a daughter of Allan and Sarah (McLean) McIntyre. They have four children, namely: Allen James; Margaret Sarah; Annabelle Euphemia; Lucille Edna. Religiously, the family is Congregational. Mr. Jones is a member of the Masons. He is a Republican in politics, and for the past 10 years has served on the School Board.



### WILLIAM R. OATES.

WILLIAM R. OATES, attorney-at-law and a leading citizen of Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan, was born in New Quay, Cornwall, England, July 16, 1878, and is a son of Richard and Caroline (Thomas) Oates, both natives of England. The family came to America when our subject was 13 years of age, and located at Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan, and there the latter was reared and received his early education. Our subject is one of a family of seven children, the others being: Frank H., of Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Letha C. Pritchard; Mr. Maud Curtis, of Kankakee, Illinois; and Percy, Daisy and Morley S., of Calumet, Michigan.

In 1896 William R. Oates entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and entered upon the practice of law in 1899, as a member of the firm of

Campbell & Oates, an association which continued until 1903, when the partnership was dissolved. Mr. Oates is now serving his second term as village attorney of Laurium and is a member of the Village Council. He is interested in many of the business enterprises of the section, and is secretary of the Calumet & Bisbee Development Company, which has its home offices at Calumet, Michigan, although the copper mines are located at Bisbee, Arizona. Mr. Oates is also secretary of and counsel for the Calumet & Cochise Development Company, which also has its home offices at Calumet and the copper mines at Bisbee, and is, in addition, secretary of and counsel for the Wolverine & Arizona Development Company, under the same conditions. All of these corporations are well established and promise to be very remunerative. Mr. Oates' law practice is exclusively of a corporation nature.

Mr. Oates is a leading politician of Houghton County, and one of the active Republican workers. He is a ready speaker and is always in demand during important campaigns. Mr. Oates resides in Calumet and has commodious offices in the Carlton Block. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, an Elk, a Son of St. George and keeps up his connection with Kappa Sigma, his college society.



### HERMAN J. SEIFERT.

HERMAN J. SEIFERT, one of the successful and well known business citizens of L'Anse, Baraga County, Michigan, came from a German home with those sturdy traits of character that have caused him, like others of his countrymen, to prosper in America and to become a valued citizen. Mr. Seifert was born in Schalkau, Germany, in 1852, and was reared and educated in his native land.

Before Herman J. Seifert came to America he had learned the trade of a baker pretty thoroughly, as his father was a grain dealer and baker. This trade our subject followed in Cleveland, Ohio, immediately after landing in

the United States, in 1872, at the age of 20 years. He was the only member of the family to come to this country. After about 10 months in Cleveland Mr. Seifert came as far west as Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, and during his residence there of several years learned and followed the barber's trade, owning a barber shop also at Escanaba for a year and a half. In 1876 he located at L'Anse, Baraga County, and conducted a shop there until 1879, during a part of which time his was the only shop in the village. In 1881 he commenced to run a hotel, which he conducted very successfully for two years. He embarked in the saloon business in 1889. Mr. Seifert is extensively interested in land and timber and also in the graphite business. His honesty and industry have been rewarded and he is looked upon as one of the substantial men of the place.

In 1881 Mr. Seifert married Meta Sengebusch, who is a daughter of Frank Sengebusch, who is one of the old settlers, settling at L'Anse when the town was founded, in 1872. He established a hotel and saloon and operated both some years, his death occurring in January, 1901. His son Otto now conducts a barber shop in L'Anse. Mr. and Mrs. Seifert have one child, Walter B., who is attending school.

For some ten years Mr. Seifert has been a member of the City Council and for seven years he has served as superintendent of the poor. At present he is a member of the School Board and one of the town's public spirited and active citizens. In politics he is a Republican. Fraternally he belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen.



### JOHN A. DANIELSON.

JOHN A. DANIELSON, who has resided at Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan, since 1868 and for 35 years has had charge of the surface work, including the teaming, for the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company, is a Canadian by birth, born in 1832 near Toronto, Canada, and is a son of Fred-

erick Danielson, whose death occurred in 1852 at Detroit, Michigan, where he was a contractor. Our subject was one of a large family of children; the two daughters are deceased; the surviving sons are as follows: John A., our subject; George W., who served in the Civil War and is now a resident of Duluth, Minnesota; Charles Willard, of Hawley, Michigan; Thomas, of Detroit, Michigan; William, of Windsor, Canada; and Benjamin, of Portland, Oregon.

John A. Danielson was but a small lad when his parents removed from Canada to the village of Fenton, near Detroit, Michigan, later settling in that city. There he attended the common schools, entering into business at a later date as the operator of a paint shop at Detroit, later removing to the Northern Peninsula and establishing a paint shop at Hancock, Houghton County. He then began team contracting and, engaged in this line, located at Calumet in 1868. He later sold his private interests and assumed charge of the surface work and teaming for the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company. Mr. Danielson has the management of two fine barns which he has had thoroughly equipped with modern sanitary conveniences of all kinds and in their appointments compare very favorably with anything west of Chicago. One of the barns is fitted for the driving horses and the other for the working animals, and a night and day force of 11 men is required, this not including the teamsters. Accommodations are sufficient in these barns for from 40 to 60 working horses. Mr. Danielson is justly proud of his fine stables, in which he has had a number of convenient devices introduced, one of these being a contrivance for the proper hanging and airing of the robes in a room set apart for the purpose.

Mr. Danielson was married in Detroit, Michigan, to Mary Ann Graham, who was born in Canada, of Scotch and Holland ancestry. They have reared a family of nine children, namely: Mrs. George T. Fuller, of Calumet, Michigan; Mrs. George Wright, of South Hecla, Michigan; Mrs. Joseph Wills, wife of the sheriff of Houghton County; Mrs. Charles Currey, of Red Bridge, Michigan; Mrs. George B. Siddall, whose husband is an attorney of Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Fred Sutherland, of Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. James D. Godfrey, whose husband is a wholesale fruit dealer of Laurium, Michigan; Ulysses G., a machinist at Hecla, Michigan; and Walter G.,

who is also a machinist. The comfortable family home is located at No. 201 Rockland street.

Politically Mr. Danielson affiliates with the Republican party. Fraternally he is a Mason and a member of the Calumet Commandery. In religious belief he is a Congregationalist.



### STEPHEN PAULL.

STEPHEN PAULL, cashier of the Merchants' & Miners' Bank of Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan, has occupied this responsible position for the past three years, although he has been associated with the bank since 1880. Mr. Paull was born in 1836 in Devonshire, England, and is the only surviving son of his family, his parents and his three brothers being deceased. He has four sisters still living: Emma, widow of Francis Rogers, of Bristol, England; Ellen, wife of Henry Trathen, of Lead City, Dakota; Emily Ann, widow of William Harding, of Bristol, England; and Sophia Jane, widow of Samuel Mountjoy, of Hancock, Michigan.

Mr. Paull was educated in his native country and remained there until he was 30 years of age. As his father was a mining captain, he had grown up in the vicinity of mines and knew all their practical workings. Just at the close of the Civil War he decided to join friends already located at Houghton, Michigan. Reaching this village safely, he entered the employ of Smith & Harris, who were engaged in a general mercantile business, and later took charge of the branch store of the firm at Calumet. Mr. Paull continued with the firm until they closed out their business, some 25 years ago. He was then bookkeeper for George W. Shears, in the meat business, for three years, and then became one of the two collectors connected with the bank of which he is now the cashier. At that time this institution was conducted with but three employes. Step by step he has risen with the bank's prosperity, and his careful, conservative course has gained him the confidence of the public and the bank many adherents.

Mr. Paull was married first in England. One year after Mr. Paull came to America his wife joined him here. She died at Calumet in 1861, leaving one daughter, now Mrs. F. C. Osborn, of Cleveland, Ohio. The present Mrs. Paull was a daughter of Thomas Phillips, one of the pioneers of the Lake Superior copper country. Their family of eight children were born at Calumet, and are as follows: Stephen, a clerk at the Tamarack supply office; Arthur F., D. D. S.; John H., a bookkeeper in the Merchants' & Miners' Bank of Calumet; William, a student in college; Frank O., a student at Easthampton, Massachusetts; and Fred M., Harry P. and Alfred C., all students in the Calumet High School. Mr. Paull and family reside at No. 33 Mine street, Calumet. In religious views the family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, but Mr. Paul favors the Protestant Episcopal Church, the faith of his parents. Politically he is a Republican. For the past 20 years he has served as a notary public. Fraternally he is prominent in the various Masonic branches, being a member of Montrose Commandery, Knights Templar, of Calumet and Marquette Shrine of Grand Rapids.

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#### HON. NATHAN M. KAUFMAN.

HON. NATHAN M. KAUFMAN, one of the most prominent and successful financiers of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, is president of the Marquette County Savings Bank. He stands high in the public esteem, and has a host of friends throughout the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, where he has had extensive operations.

Mr. Kaufman was born at Marquette, Michigan, July 4, 1862, and is a son of Samuel Kaufman, who was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1849, locating in Marquette, where he became one of the most successful merchants of the town.

Nathan M. Kaufman attended the public and high schools of his native town until he reached the age of 16 years, also working in his father's store at odd times. He then accepted a position as traveling salesman with the firm of Wilson Brothers, of Chicago, selling gentlemen's furnishing goods

in Northern Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. He was employed on a salary and commission basis, and saved enough money in two years to start a gentlemen's furnishing store in Negaunee, Marquette County, Michigan. After conducting it with uninterrupted success for a number of years he sold it in 1883 and associated himself with his father at Marquette, at the same time commencing operations in iron and mineral lands. In 1885 he secured an option on the Blue mine, which he opened into one of the best producers in the State, and later sold at a handsome profit. He enlarged his dealings, making a feature of opening and developing the valuable mining properties of the Northern Peninsula until 1888, when he was appointed general manager of the Breitung estate. This estate was one of the largest holders of mineral lands in the Peninsula, and Mr. Kaufman handled it and disposed of the property in a most able manner until 1892. He was elected mayor of Marquette on the Republican ticket, and served during 1893-94, giving the city an excellent, progressive administration. He still operates in mining properties and is interested in various enterprises of that nature. He is president of the Washington Iron Mining Company, of Marquette, and secretary of the Negaunee Iron Mining Company.

In 1893 Mr. Kaufman was united in marriage with Mary Breitung, widow of Edward Breitung, of Marquette, and they reside in a beautiful home there. Our subject is a prominent Mason and has taken all the degrees, including the Knight Templar and both the Scottish and York Rite consistory degrees, and is a member of Saladin Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is also a member of Marquette Lodge, B. P. O. E.



#### ADOLPH F. HEIDKAMP.

ADOLPH F. HEIDKAMP, who is now serving his seventh term as president of the village of Lake Linden, Houghton County, Michigan, is secretary and treasurer of the Bosch Brewing Company, one of the most prosperous and substantial enterprises of the place. Mr. Heidkamp was born in

Port Washington, Wisconsin, in 1863, and is a son of Adolph and Anna (Hanson) Heidkamp.

Adolph Heidkamp, our subject's father, was born in Cologne, Prussia, and died in 1881, aged 60 years. Before coming to this country he taught school for some years. He landed in New York City in 1852, and two years later removed to Port Washington, Wisconsin, where he read law and was admitted to the bar. He practiced law for many years and for 18 years was judge of the Probate Court of his county. From 1854 until the time of his death he was the publisher of the *Zeitung*, a German weekly, which was Democratic in politics and had a large circulation throughout its section of the Badger State. Religiously he was a member of the Catholic Church. He was for three terms superintendent of the schools of Ozaukee county. He married Anna Hanson, who was born in the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, Germany, and died in 1871, at the age of 44 years. She also was a member of the Catholic Church. This union resulted in the birth of the following children, who grew to maturity: Louisa, wife of Nicholas Watry, an optician of Chicago, Illinois; Anna, whose husband, William J. Diederich, is a member of the M. H. Wiltzius Company, dealers in church goods in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Adolph F., subject of this biography; and Emil M., an optician of Chicago, Illinois. By a former marriage, with Frank Gengler, the mother of our subject had three children: John, deceased; Margaret, widow of Joseph Malherbe, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Elizabeth, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Adolph F. Heidkamp received his educational training in the public schools of Port Washington, and then learned the printing trade, which he followed there for six years. In 1882 he came to the Northern Peninsula and located at Houghton, Houghton County, where he worked for two years in the office of the transfer company, and then worked a like period in the office of the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway Company. In 1887 he removed to Lake Linden and assumed the duties of bookkeeper in the office of Joseph Bosch & Company, brewers. He retained this position until 1894, and when the firm was changed to a stock company under the name of the Bosch Brewing Company, he was made secretary and treasurer, which position he still fills. He is a man of recognized ability and enjoys the



esteem of his fellow citizens to the fullest extent. He was elected president of the village of Lake Linden in 1896, and is now serving a seventh term in that office.

In politics Mr. Heidkamp was a Democrat until 1896, since which time he has favored the Republican party. He is a member of the Catholic Church, and takes an earnest interest in church work. Fraternally he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

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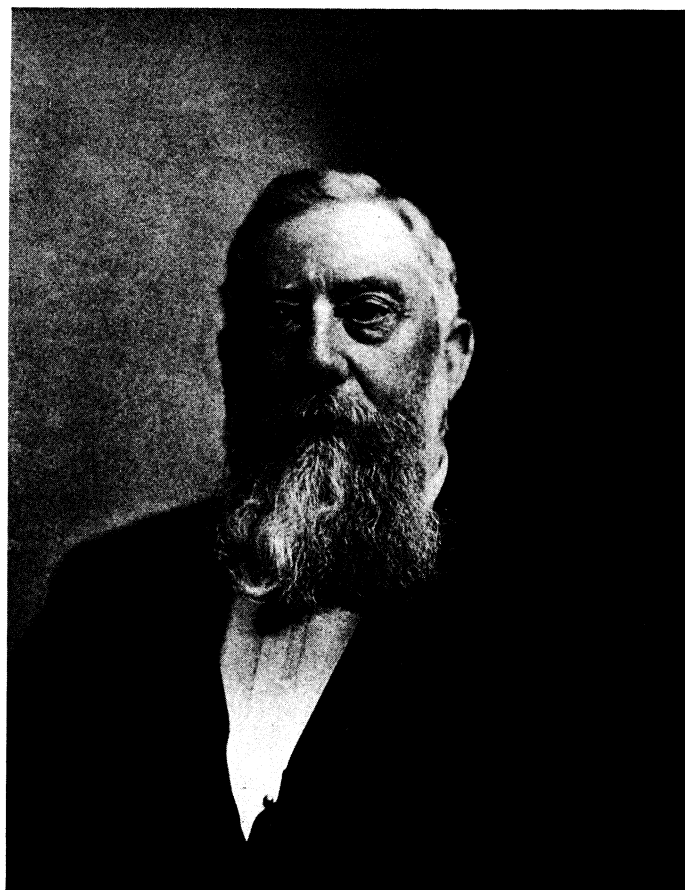
### ARTHUR ERNEST DELF.

ARTHUR ERNEST DELF, of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, one of the best known railroad men in Michigan, auditor of the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway Company, was born in 1860 near Port Elgin, Canada. He is a son of Arthur and Elizabeth Mary Emily (Wilde) Delf.

Arthur Delf was born in London, England, and died in September, 1898, aged 63 years. He was both a printer and a merchant. In politics he was identified with the Republican party. In religious belief he and his wife were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. The mother of our subject was born at Adelaide, Australia, and she now resides in Marquette, Michigan. The children in the parental family were: Amelia Edith; Arthur Ernest; Edward W., who is agent for the Mineral Range Railroad Company, at Calumet, Michigan; and Percival, who is a merchant at Marquette, Michigan.

Arthur Ernest Delf was educated in the public schools and at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. He began his business career as a clerk in the employ of the Chicago & North-Western Railway Company at Negaunee, Michigan, and three months later entered the employ of the Marquette, Houghton & Ontonagon Railroad Company, with which he remained two years as clerk. After acting for nine months as agent at Newberry, Michigan, for the Detroit, Mackinac & Marquette Railroad Company, he returned





CAPT. JOHN DUNCAN.

to Negaunee to become agent for the Marquette & Western Railroad Company, with which company he continued for one year. In 1885 he went into the general offices of the Marquette, Houghton & Ontonagon Railroad Company, which eventually became a part of the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway, and the Mineral Range Railroad, operated independently, and he has been with this company ever since. In 1894 his long and faithful service was recognized in his appointment as auditor.

In 1866 Mr. Delf was married to Melissa A. Lewis, who was born in Marquette, Michigan, and is a daughter of John Lewis, formerly the superintendent of docks at Marquette. They have one child, Melissa Elizabeth. Mr. Delf is a Republican in politics and a Mason in fraternal association. He is secretary of the Peter White Public Library, and belongs to the Marquette Club. By a long and honorable business career, by a careful interest in the affairs of his employers, Mr. Delf has earned the confidence and high esteem of the great corporation he has served so long, while his personal attributes have gained for him a wide circle of warm friends.



#### CAPT. JOHN DUNCAN.

CAPT. JOHN DUNCAN, who has been assistant superintendent of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company since 1869, located in Houghton County in 1858. Captain Duncan was born in Canada, near St. Thomas, but was mainly reared in Michigan. He is a son of John and Mary Duncan, natives of Scotland.

In his early manhood our subject began work on the Great Western Railroad of Canada and later drifted into Michigan, where he found employment on the Detroit & Mackinac Railroad. From there he removed to Houghton County in 1858, on the steamer "Montgomery," which was commanded by the late Captain Wilkinson, ex-superintendent of the Detroit House of Correction. The trip was the first one both for the vessel and its captain. For 10 years he was then associated with the Quincy mine in Houghton County, going from there to his present position.

Captain Duncan has always been a stanch Republican and has been honored by his party on many occasions. He is one of the oldest continuous county commissioners in the State, having served as chairman of the board in Houghton County since 1866. He was identified with both village and township organizations and has exercised the influence of a level headed, responsible and just citizen. No man in Houghton County enjoys more universal esteem.

On June 18, 1862, Captain Duncan married Mary A. Moon, a daughter of William Moon, formerly of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Mrs. Duncan became a resident of Houghton County at the age of 11 years. The children born to Captain Duncan and wife are: William, who is engaged in a hardware business at Calumet, where he resides with his family; Fannie, who married William Holman, an insurance man of Calumet, Michigan; and Helen, who is the wife of Fred E. Woodbury, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Captain Duncan has one of the finest residences at Calumet, at No. 1025 Mine Street. He is a man of large means, a stockholder in the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company, and is financially interested in various commercial ventures. Fraternally he is very prominent in Masonry, having attained to the thirty-third degree. He was made a Mason in Houghton County and was formerly a member at Quincy until the lodge was transferred to Calumet. He is a member of Montrose Commandery, K. T., at Calumet, and the Marquette Consistory. It is with pleasure that we are able to state that a portrait of Captain Duncan may be found in this work, being presented on a foregoing page in connection with this sketch.



### JOHN GERALD REAL.

JOHN GERALD REAL, county treasurer of Baraga County, Michigan, and a leading citizen of L'Anse, was born in Houghton County, Michigan, October 28, 1865, and is a son of Garrett and Margaret (Mehony) Real, both of whom were born in Ireland. The family came to Michigan in 1865 and located in Baraga County in 1871, when the railroad was in course of

construction. The father died in 1891, but the mother still resides in Baraga.

Our subject is the oldest of a family of five children, all of whom are living. He was educated in the public schools at L'Anse and took a commercial course at the Bryant & Stratton's Business College at Detroit, Michigan, completing the same prior to his 14th year, and accepting then a clerical position in a drug store at L'Anse. He was an ambitious youth, and in addition to attending to his duties at the store learned telegraphing. Four years later his fidelity and industry were rewarded by being appointed manager of a branch store at Baraga, for D. J. Norton, this being the first drug business established in that place. In 1890 Mr. Real embarked in a drug business for himself at Baraga, which he successfully conducted until the fall of 1898, when, turning his drug business over to his brother, he made a visit to the Klondike gold fields. Mr. Real remained two years prospecting in Alaska, but returned to Baraga after a severe attack of typhoid fever at Nome. He resumed the drug business for a time and then spent a season in prospecting through Baraga County, many making friends in every section. In the fall of 1902 he was nominated and later elected to the office of county treasurer, an office he most efficiently fills. For one year he was game warden of Ontonagon County and has been tendered many offices of responsibility by his Democratic friends.



### AUGUST MENGE.

AUGUST MENGE, of L'Anse, Baraga County, Michigan, has been a resident of the Northern Peninsula for a period of 39 years and has figured prominently with its business projects and political history.

Mr. Menge was born in Saxony, Germany, May 4, 1845, and is a son of Carl and Tracy Menge, who came to this country in 1850. They lived in Wisconsin until 1875, then removed to L'Anse, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The father was a miller and millwright by trade, and followed these trades until his retirement. He died in 1893. Mr. and Mrs.

Menge had three sons: August; Charles, of Chicago, Illinois; and William, a printer of Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

August Menge was five years of age when he accompanied his parents to this country. He attended the public schools of Wisconsin until 11 years of age, when he went to work in the printing office of a German paper, *The Northwestern*, published at Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and edited by Charles H. Schmidt. There he worked for eight years, a part of the time as foreman of the job printing office that was run in connection with the paper.

In 1864 August Menge came to the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, first settling at Houghton, Houghton County, but not being able to work at his trade there, crossed Portage Lake to Hancock, where he was temporarily employed at breaking rock. He accepted a position as bartender for Mr. Miller at Houghton, and subsequently was bartender for Francis Mayworm for a period of five years. In 1871 he removed to L'Anse and engaged in the saloon business for himself, which he conducts in such a manner as not to offend the sense of propriety, and has built up a patronage that is drawn from the best citizens of this community.

Mr. Menge has on several occasions been honored by political preferment. He served seven terms as mayor of L'Anse, has been village trustee and treasurer, supervisor and for 19 years was a member of the School Board. He was elected county treasurer in 1878, and two years later was re-elected by an increased majority, each time defeating John Campbell for the office. For 25 years he has been chief of the fire department of L'Anse, and in all these positions has rendered prompt and efficient service. He was a promoter of the L'Anse Water Works, which furnishes hydrant water supply for fire protection to the city free of cost. He was also a promoter of the project of building the Town Hall, which is certainly a credit to the town. He was serving as county supervisor at the time the excellent Court House building was erected. At that time he was largely instrumental in keeping the Court House at L'Anse, though unusual inducements had been offered for its removal to the town of Baraga.

In 1870 Mr. Menge was married to Theresa Sibilsky, of Houghton, Michigan, and they have the following children: August H., of Marquette, Michigan; William T., who has served two terms as county treasurer, and

who is in the mercantile business at L'Anse, Michigan; Charles H., clerk of L'Anse township and the Board of Education, who is associated with his father in business; Selma M., a stenographer of Houghton, Michigan; Emma B., a stenographer of Hancock, Michigan; and Theresa, who is attending the L'Anse High School.



### THEODORE AXEL THOREN.

THEODORE AXEL THOREN, a prominent legal practitioner of Marquette County, Michigan, commissioner of the Circuit Court and city assessor of Negaunee, was born in Negaunee, Michigan, August 8, 1874.

Charles Thoren, the father of our subject, is one of the prominent citizens of Negaunee. He was born in 1838 and came to the United States in 1865, locating at Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan. In 1870 he removed to Marquette County and located at Negaunee, where he followed his business of cutter for custom tailoring and embarked in a mercantile business. In 1902 he retired from active business, being succeeded by his son, Charles. He married Johanna Peterson, who was born in 1838 in Sweden. Their family consisted of six children, namely: Charles, Jr.; Clara M., the wife of Rev. L. W. Gullstrom, of Bismarck, North Dakota; Wilhelmine, deceased; Theodore Axel, of this sketch; Herman J., deceased; and Titus E., who lives at home. Our subject's father has been alderman of the Third Ward of Negaunee, and is a Republican in politics. He belongs to several fraternal orders, including the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Ancient Order of United Workmen; and the Knights of Pythias. Both he and his wife belong to the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Thoren secured a first class common school education, and after graduating at the Negaunee High School entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1892, and graduated from the law department in 1895. For the following year and a half he taught school in Texas, saw the country and gained experience. Upon his return to Negaunee he opened an office and has been in active and successful practice ever since. For the past three



years he has been city assessor. In 1901 he was appointed commissioner of the Circuit Court by Governor Bliss, to fill an unexpired term of the incumbent, who had left the county. In 1902 he was elected to the office to succeed himself.

Mr. Thoren has taken considerable interest in politics and is prominently identified with the Republican party. Fraternally he belongs to the Masons, the Royal Arcanum, and the S. H. & E. F., a Scandinavian society. In religious belief he is a Lutheran.

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### TIMOTHY DUQUETTE.

TIMOTHY DUQUETTE, a well known business citizen of Marquette, Michigan, at present identified with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, has been a resident of the city since 1878. He was born in 1860, at St. Martins, Canada, and is a son of Francis and Katherine (Gagne) Duquette.

Francis Duquette, who was a farmer by occupation, was born at Chateaugay, Canada, and died in 1862. His wife was born at St. Martins, Canada, and died in 1900, at the age of 66 years. Both of our subject's parents were exemplary members of the Catholic Church. Three of their five children still survive, viz: Joseph, who is engaged in hotel keeping in Montreal, Canada; Louis, who is also a hotel keeper in Canada; and Timothy, of this sketch.

Timothy Duquette was well educated in his native locality and he removed to Marquette to follow teaching. He also taught school at Spalding, Michigan. About 1878 or 1879 he entered the dry goods store of Newberger, in Marquette, and was associated with this firm for seven years, and for four years with another Marquette firm. In 1890 he embarked in the clothing business on his own account and continued very prosperously until his health demanded a change of employment. In 1901 he sold out his clothing business and since that time has been connected with life insurance, being the assistant superintendent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company at Marquette, and handling a large number of risks. His convenient

offices are located in the Harlow Block. Mr. Duquette is a good business man and a very pleasant gentleman to know. He is well read and intelligent, a graduate of Montreal College, and possesses the qualifications to successfully place his business favorably before the public and to watch the interests of those he insures. His methods are modern and his business is conducted on principles of the highest integrity.

In 1887 Mr. Duquette married Salina Price, who was born in 1862, near Grandmere, Canada, and is a daughter of Francis and Merance Price. The two children of this marriage are: Rila, born in 1890; and Clement, born in 1898. Both Mr. Duquette and his wife belong to the Catholic Church. Fraternally he is a member of the Alpena and the St. Jean Baptiste societies. In politics he votes independently.



### JOHN AMESSE.

JOHN AMESSE, the popular and obliging postmaster of Lake Linden, Houghton County, Michigan, and an honored survivor of the Civil War, was born in 1844 in Canada, and is a son of Joseph and Julia (Vnette) Amesse, both of whom were also natives of Canada.

Joseph Amesse was a farmer. Both he and his wife were devoted members of the Catholic Church. They reared a family of 10 children, six of these still surviving, as follows: Onezine, a resident of Ontonagon, Michigan; John, of this sketch; Leander, of Baraga, Baraga County, Michigan; and Zephyr, Odile and Napoleon, residents of Canada.

John Amesse removed from Canada to the United States in 1863 and located in Michigan. In 1864 he enlisted for service in the Civil War, at Flint, Michigan, in the 10th Reg., Michigan Vol. Inf., and served until August 1, 1865. He did not escape the dangers of war, receiving a painful wound from a bullet, during the battle before Nashville, and being sent to the military hospital at Jeffersonville, Indiana. Mr. Amesse was a loyal and faithful soldier. He was appointed postmaster of Lake Linden by President

Harrison, later by President McKinley, and is serving his fifth term, under President Roosevelt.

In 1868 Mr. Amesse married Nancy Parks, a native of Canada, and four children have been born to them, as follows: Edward, who is the overseer of the boiler house at the Calumet & Hecla mine; John W., who has been three years in the United States service and is now quarantine officer and surgeon in the Marine Hospital at Manila, Philippine Islands; Henry, who is an assistant in the machine works of the Tamarack mill at South Lake Linden; and Adele, who is the accommodating assistant postmaster. Mr. Amesse is a Mason, an Odd Fellow and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. The family is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

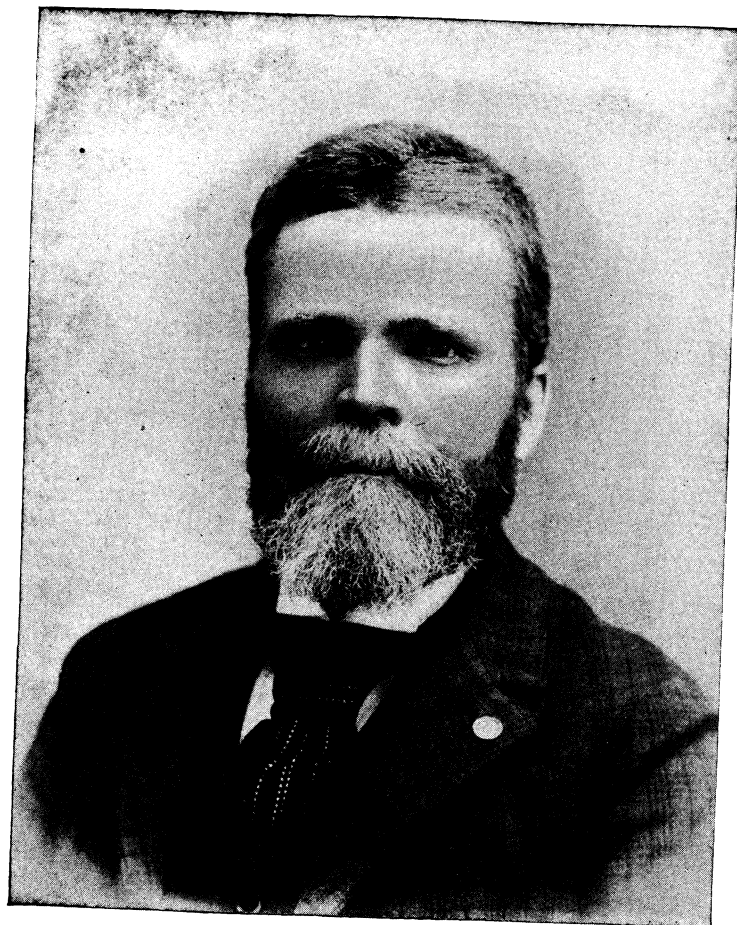


### JOHN CAMPBELL.

JOHN CAMPBELL, who is a leading citizen and a general merchant of L'Anse, Baraga County, Michigan, was born at Cleveland, Ohio, December 14, 1850, and is a son of John and Rebecca (Turner) Campbell, both of whom were born in Scotland. The father died in 1860 and the mother became Mrs. Edwin L. Mason and is still alive. Our subject has one sister—Florence, now Mrs. B. F. Jenkins, of Chicago, Illinois.

After the death of his father Mr. Campbell accompanied his mother to Port Huron, Michigan, and later to Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, where he attended the common schools. After prosecuting advanced studies at Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin, he returned to Hancock, and engaged in clerking until 1872 and then removed to L'Anse, Baraga County, as clerk in the bank of E. L. Mason & Company. In 1878 he was tendered the position of manager of the L'Anse store of P. Ruppe & Sons, and was filling the same when the town was almost destroyed by fire. The Ruppe firm never rebuilt its store and he seized the opportunity to embark in a mercantile business for himself, and he has been eminently successful and carries a very complete and carefully selected stock. Mr. Campbell has taken





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an active interest in public matters and has filled a number of local offices in L'Anse and Baraga County, serving as county treasurer (two terms), supervisor, president of the village, township clerk and school trustee.

In 1886 Mr. Campbell married Ella E. Curtis, who is a daughter of Rev. D. A. Curtis, of Petersburg, Michigan. The children born to this marriage bear the names of Rebecca, Florence, John, Francis, Grace and Ellen Jane. Mr. Campbell is fraternally connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, Knights of the Maccabees, and Modern Woodmen of America. He is a Republican, and has been active in politics and has served as chairman of the county committee. Mr. Campbell is one of the representative, intelligent and substantial men of L'Anse.



### W. H. MASON.

W. H. MASON, who was recently appointed by the Governor of Michigan as agent of the State Board of Charities, has been a resident of the city of Hancock, Houghton County, since 1866 and has been engaged in various lines of business. At the present time he is a member of the firm of Mason & Bentley, brokers and promoters, and in addition looks after his real estate interests. Mr. Mason was born in 1846 at Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, and is a son of Benjamin Mason.

Benjamin Mason was born in Ireland and at an early day came to this country, locating in Wisconsin, where he was a pioneer. He was in the soap and candle business, and made the first mining candles manufactured on Lake Superior, for the Quincy mine. His wife was also a native of Ireland, and both died in the early "eighties." They were parents of three sons and one daughter, as follows: T. D., who died in 1897, was a veteran of the Civil War, serving in the First Reg., Wisconsin Vol. Inf., and spent six months in Libby Prison and six months in Andersonville, and then made his escape,—he located at Hancock a short time before our subject; Archibald, who is retired, lives with his sister at Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin; Mrs. E. G. Trowbridge, of

Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, whose husband was at the Quincy mine a period of 36 years as an official; and W. H.

W. H. Mason was reared and educated at Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, and was but a boy when he enlisted in 1862, in Company C, 4th Reg., Wisconsin Vol. Cav., of which Albert E. Paine was colonel. They went out at once and in three weeks' time our subject was doing picket duty. He served as scout for a time with Generals Sherman, Banks, Smith and others, and was at Fort Spanish, Fort Blakley, on the Red River Expedition, at Port Hudson, at Vicksburg, at Memphis, and about Mobile. He served three years in the cavalry, and was commissioned sergeant. In the fall of 1865 he was mustered out at Brownsville, Texas, and immediately returned home. Early in 1866 he came to the Northern Peninsula, locating at Hancock, and first engaged in contracting and teaming for a period of five or six years, then with his brother, T. D. Mason, formed a partnership under the firm name of Mason Brothers. They established a store at the lower point of Keweenaw County, and made large contracts for furnishing the mines. They continued with success until early in the "seventies," when they disposed of the business and returned to Hancock, where T. D. Mason followed contracting, while our subject engaged in the mercantile business. Some years later the latter left the store in charge of his son, and with his brother went to Newberry, Luce County, Michigan, where they took a large contract to furnish 150 cords of wood per day for a period of three years, the wood being used in making charcoal. When the contract expired W. H. Mason returned to Hancock and resumed his store business, which he continued to conduct with unvarying success until 1897, when he sold out to his son, C. S. Mason, who has since conducted it. He then engaged in the brokerage business, first representing Sutton & Bowen, of Boston, and also A. B. Turner & Company, of Boston, for two years. He then devoted his attention to caring for his large real estate interests until January 1, 1903, when he opened his present office in partnership with George C. Bentley, as brokers and promoters, handling copper stock, and also engaging in the wood and coal business. Mason & Bentley are financial agents for several mining properties, and have promoted several mines in Arizona, among them being the Marquette & Arizona, the Portage Lake & Bisbee; the Calumet & Duluth, and the Quincy & Arizona. He still looks after his extensive real

estate holdings. He is a thorough business man, and to his own efforts and good judgment is due the wonderful success he has achieved.

W. H. Mason was united in marriage with Hattie Chamberlin, a daughter of George Chamberlin, of Plymouth, Wisconsin, who settled in the Badger State at an early day, coming from Rochester, New York. Her mother now lives at Green Bay, Wisconsin. Three sons and two daughters have blessed this union, namely: Clarence G., a graduate of the Michigan College of Mines at Houghton, is now at Escanaba, Michigan, with the United States Steel Corporation; Charles S., of Hancock, Michigan, who is engaged in the real estate business; Ardell, who is in the National Bank of Houghton; and Minnie and Florence, who are attending school. Our subject is a Republican in politics, and has served as alderman. He is now agent for the State Board of Charities, having been appointed by the Governor late in 1902. He is a member of E. R. Stiles Post, No. 174, G. A. R., and has held numerous offices. He and his family reside in their beautiful home on East Quincy Street, in the finest residence district of Hancock. A portrait of Mr. Mason accompanies this sketch.



### JAMES SINCLAIR.

JAMES SINCLAIR, junior member of a prominent building and contracting firm of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, and one of the city's substantial and leading citizens, was born in 1860, in the Orkney Islands, off the north coast of Scotland. He is a son of William and Magdaline (Braugh) Sinclair, both of whom were born, reared, married and lived in the Orkney Islands. The father died in 1880; he was by trade a stone cutter and builder and was frequently employed in the city of Edinburgh, Scotland. The four children of Mr. and Mrs. William Sinclair were: Magdaline, who married Duncan McClaren, of Edinburgh, Scotland, and now resides in Glasgow; Jessie, who resides with her mother; William, who lives in Edinburgh, Scotland; and James, the youngest of the family.

James Sinclair learned his trade of building in the city of Edinburgh,



where may be seen some of the highest specimens of the builder's skill in the world. In 1887 he came to America and began business for himself at Marquette, Michigan, one of his first jobs being the building of the foundation for the residence of E. W. Allen. For three years he was a foreman in the State Prison at Marquette, in charge of the masonry work. He then put in the masonry work for the Mathew House in Marquette. For many years he stood at the head of the craft in the city and then started also into contracting, taking in a Mr. Outerson as partner, the firm style being Sinclair & Outerson. After this partnership was dissolved, Mr. Sinclair became superintendent of construction. In 1891 his present partnership with Mr. Lipsett was formed; the firm of Lipsett & Sinclair, contractors and builders, secures the bulk of the important work in Marquette.

On December 14, 1892, Mr. Sinclair was united in marriage with Louisa Lawrence, who is a daughter of James and Martha (Roberts) Lawrence, the former of whom was a contractor and builder in Marquette for many years and died December 9, 1902, leaving a widow and these children: Louisa (Mrs. James Sinclair); James, a contractor of Greenville, South Carolina; and Charles, John, Thomas and William, of Marquette. Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair have one daughter, Ruth, born November 2, 1901. In religious belief the family is Presbyterian. Fraternally Mr. Sinclair is a Mason. He is a self made man and has attained to his present prosperity through his own industry and ability.

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### W. L. MASON.

W. L. MASON, prosecuting attorney of Baraga County, Michigan, has been successfully engaged in the practice of law since 1886, and for a part of the time has been located at L'Anse, where he now resides. He was born near Boston mine, Houghton County, Michigan, February 20, 1865, and is a son of Edwin L. and Rebecca (Turner) (Campbell) Mason.

The Masons are a very old New England family, some of its members being prominent in the early settlement of Massachusetts and Vermont, re-

ceiving grants from the King of England. The grandfather of our subject drove through from New England to Livingston County, New York, with an ox team, and was one of the early settlers of that county.

Edwin L. Mason was born in Livingston County, New York, and removed to the copper region of Michigan early in the "fifties." It being before the day of railroads in the Northern Peninsula, he made much of the journey by boat. He was employed by mining companies in official capacities, and in later years was a private banker at L'Anse, Baraga County. He located at L'Anse in 1871 and conducted his bank until 1885. He then retired and spent his declining years in the companionship of his family, dying October 23, 1895. He was prominent in the councils of the Republican party, and as early as the campaign of William Henry Harrison stumped Pennsylvania and New York for the Whig party. His first vote was cast for William Henry Harrison and his last for Benjamin Harrison. He was judge of the Probate Court of Baraga County for a number of years, and continued active in party work up to the time of his death. He was nearly always to be found present at the Republican County, State and National conventions. Fraternally he was a Mason. He was a man given to deep study, and did a great deal of literary work. He was a great lover of home, and usually outside of business hours would be found there in the company of his family. He married Mrs. Rebecca Campbell, *nee* Turner, a native of Scotland, and they had two children: W. L.; and Edith, wife of R. T. Vent, of New York City.

W. L. Mason was reared in Houghton County and at L'Anse, Baraga County, where his family located in 1871. He attended the public schools, then the Michigan Military Academy, from which he was graduated in 1884. He then entered the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and received the degree of LL. B. in 1886. He immediately thereafter started practice in L'Anse, Baraga County, where he continued with success for five years. In 1891 he went to Detroit, Michigan, where he practiced law with good results for a period of 10 years. In the meantime he visited the northwestern part of the United States and took a trip to Alaska. He returned to L'Anse in 1902 and established a lucrative general practice. He was appointed prosecuting attorney of Baraga County in 1903 to succeed

Mr. McKernon, who died in April of that year. He has been a thorough student, has a comprehensive knowledge of the principles of law, and is a strong advocate at the bar. He has many lifelong friends in the community, and is held in highest esteem by all. In politics he is a Republican.



### CHARLES HARVEY RODI, M. D.

CHARLES HARVEY RODI, M. D., a prominent citizen of Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan, has been physician and surgeon for the Tamarack mine for the past 16 years and has attained high rank in his profession. He was born in Montreal, Canada, June 18, 1859, and is a son of Herman Karl and Eliza D. (Harvey) Rodi.

Herman Karl Rodi was a Hollander by birth and after his marriage moved to Montreal, Canada, thence to the Lake Superior mining regions. He engaged for a time at the smelters, and from 1859 to 1864 was engaged in exploring Michipicoten Island. In the latter year he located at the Quincy mine, where he was engaged until his death in 1877, at the age of 53 years. His wife, Eliza D. Harvey, who died in 1892, was a native of Halesworth, England. Her father, Prof. Joseph Harvey, was an instructor in languages, and established Castle Academy in Halesworth, in which she and her brothers and sisters were instructors. She went to Holland to teach and there met and married Mr. Rodi.

Dr. Rodi was primarily educated at the Quincy public school, and then attended Oberlin College, in 1876, paying his own way by working during his spare time. Returning home in 1877, he worked at carpenter work at the Quincy mine, and also peddled tea and did other canvassing, by these means laying by some money. In September, 1878, he entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor to prepare for the medical profession, and worked to pay for his board. In 1880 he received the degree Ph. C., and M. D., in 1882. In the summer of 1880 he dispensed medicines at the Eastern Michigan Asylum in Oakland County, and in 1882 went to Mecosta County, Mich-

igan, where he entered upon his first practice. In 1884 he took a practitioner's course at Rush Medical College, Chicago, Illinois, and in 1886 moved to Calumet to accept his present position as physician and surgeon of the Tamarack mine. He has attained a high degree of success, and enjoys the respect and confidence of all with whom he is acquainted.

Dr. Rodi was joined in marriage with Clara B. Broad, a daughter of John W. Broad, who was one of the pioneers of the copper fields of Michigan. At an early day Mr. Broad went on a prospecting tour in the West, visiting Pike's Peak and other sections of Colorado. He has been dead for some years. Mrs. Rodi was educated at Hillsdale (Michigan) College, after which she engaged as an instructor for some years. To them were born two children: C. Marwyn, who graduated from Calumet High School in 1903; and Irma T., who is in the class of 1904 in the Calumet High School. Politically our subject is a Republican and has served as township clerk and health officer of Calumet and Osceola townships. He was secretary and one of the organizers, in 1887, of the Mineral Range Medical Society, the first medical society of Calumet, and is now a member of the Upper Peninsula, the Houghton County and the Michigan State medical societies, and the American Medical Association. He is also a Mason and a member of the lodge of Elks at Calumet. In religious views he is a Congregationalist.



### EUGENE LA ROWE.

EUGENE LA ROWE, superintendent of the schools of Hancock, Houghton county, Michigan, and one of the leading educators of this section of the State, was born in 1872 in Ingham County, Michigan. He is a son of James and Charlotte (Faulk) La Rowe, both of whom were born in Livingston County, New York, and are now residents of Ingham County, Michigan, the former aged sixty years and the latter fifty-six years. James La Rowe, our subject's father, is a farmer by occupation. He served during the Civil War

as a member of Company K, 9th Reg., Michigan Vol. Inf. Our subject is one of a family of seven children, all of whom still survive.

Mr. La Rowe received his education in the schools of his native place and is a graduate of the Howell (Michigan) High School of the class of 1892. In the same year he entered the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, taking the classical course and graduating with his degree of A. B. in 1896. For one year he taught in the Monroe High School, returning then to the University for a two-year course. In September, 1899, he was called to Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, to become principal of the Hancock High School and remained in that responsible position until February, 1902, when he was appointed superintendent of the Hancock schools. Mr. La Rowe is well qualified for this position, possessing knowledge, culture and executive ability, and also an affable but dignified manner which befits the office. In 1898 he received the degree of M. A. from the University of Michigan. In religious connection, he is a Congregationalist.

The Hancock schools, over which Mr. La Rowe was called upon to preside, comprise three buildings and a magnificent addition which cost the tax payers \$25,000. It is a credit to the city. The faculty includes 23 teachers and there is an average attendance of 1100 pupils.



### JOSEPH MICHAEL PETER PICHETTE, M. D.

JOSEPH MICHAEL PETER PICHETTE, M. D., a leading physician and surgeon of Lake Linden, Houghton County, Michigan, who has been health officer for the past 10 years, was born in 1869 in Canada.

Peter Pichette, the father of our subject, was also born in Canada, and died at the age of 49 years, having met with an accident. In 1883 he located at Lake Linden, Houghton County, where he engaged in a mercantile business. The mother of Dr. Pichette bore the maiden name of Adeline Gareau, and she was also born in Canada. She now resides at Chassell, Houghton County, being the wife of Frank Drapeau. Both parents belonged to the





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Roman Catholic Church. The four surviving children are: Joseph Michael Peter, our subject; Mary, the wife of Joseph LePage, of Chassell, Michigan; Louis, a merchant of Montreal, Canada; and Rosanna, the wife of Moses Le Page. Mary and Rosanna Pichette married brothers and the mother and her sister did the same. Mrs. Drapeau is a lady of culture and education, and at the time of her second marriage was a popular teacher.

Dr. Pichette attended Joliette Classical College of Quebec, received the degree of B. L., and later attended the medical school of medicine and surgery of Laval University, located at Montreal, where he graduated with the degree of M. D. In 1892 he received his diploma and in the same year located at Lake Linden, Houghton County, Michigan, where he entered upon practice. He has been both professionally and financially successful. Dr. Pichette is medical examiner for all the Catholic benefit societies and for several insurance companies in the village, and has been the very capable health officer for the last decade. He belongs to the society of St. Jean Baptiste, Union Canadienne Francaise of the Upper Peninsula and the Catholic Order of Foresters.

In 1893 Dr. Pichette was married to Celina Levesque, who is a daughter of Prudent and Lucias (Beauchene) Levesque, and was born at Lake Linden in 1873. They have four children, namely: Antoinette Armandine, Eloise, Gaston and Theophile. The family belongs to the Roman Catholic Church.



### SIVERT OLSON.

SIVERT OLSON, whose portrait is herewith shown, is proprietor and owner of what is probably the largest furniture and undertaking establishment of the Northern Peninsula of Michigan. He is a resident of Calumet, Houghton County, where he has been located for many years.

Mr. Olson was born in Norway in 1850, and in the spring of 1873 came to the United States, locating in Chicago, Illinois. In the fall of the same year he removed to Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, and secured employment with Dr. Edward Seller at his trade, which was that of a cabinet-



maker. In the spring of 1874 he removed to Calumet to assume charge of a branch store which had been built and established by Mr. Seller, it being the first furniture store in Calumet. Two years later he bought out the business of his employer, and in partnership with Stephen Wold engaged in building and contracting, in addition to conducting the store. Many of the most prominent structures of the vicinity were built by this well known firm, which continued until 1888 and was then dissolved. Since that time Mr. Olson has confined his efforts strictly to the furniture and undertaking business and we feel safe in saying that in this line he has outstripped all competitors in the Northern Peninsula. He was elected trustee of the village of Red Jacket in 1886 and served for six years. He was treasurer of Calumet township during 1890-91, and has been superintendent of Lake View Cemetery at Calumet since its organization. In politics, he is a Republican and cast his first vote for President Hayes. He has frequently been a delegate to State conventions.

In 1874 Mr. Olson was united in marriage with Emma Christanson of Calumet, Michigan, her parents being early settlers in the Northern Peninsula. They have two children: Julia, wife of Robert P. Mackenzie, D. D. S.; and Siguerel, who is in school. Fraternally our subject is a Mason and has advanced to the thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to which he has belonged for more than 28 years; Modern Woodmen of America and Knights of the Macabees. He has been identified with the Norwegian Lutheran Church of Calumet since its organization in 1874.



### JAMES WILSON YOUNG.

JAMES WILSON YOUNG, one of the old and representative citizens of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, who has been identified with the development of the vicinity from its early days, was born October 2, 1847, at Smith's Falls, Lanark County, Ontario, Canada, and is a son of Gavin Will-

iam and Ellen (Morrison) Young, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Ontario, Canada.

Gavin William Young was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and learned the trades of miller and millwright. Upon coming to this country, at the age of 16 years, he located at Amsterdam, Montgomery County, New York. From there he went to Canada, where he married Margaret Little, who at death left one son, William L., now a resident of Dover, Pope County, Arkansas. Mr. Young married for his second wife Ellen Morrison, who is a daughter of Archibald and Margaret (Ferguson) Morrison. Their children were as follows: Archibald M., of Neenah, Wisconsin, who has charge of the engines of Kimble, Clark & Company's paper mill; Mrs. Marion C. Hume, whose husband is division superintendent of the International & Great Northern Railroad, at San Antonio, Texas; James Wilson, the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Margaret A. Bishop, of Appleton, Wisconsin; David D., who is in the employ of Kimble, Clark & Company at Neenah, Wisconsin; Mrs. Ellen W. Clark, of Neenah, Wisconsin; John C., superintendent of a paper mill at Ladysmith, Wisconsin; Harvey P., a paper-maker, located at Stevens Point, Wisconsin; Gavin W., manager and part owner of a paper mill at Neenah, Wisconsin; Henry E., foreman in a paper mill at Alexandria, Indiana; Sarah, who died in infancy; and Martha, who died at Marquette, Michigan. Mrs. Young still survives, at the age of 78 years, and at a happy family re-union held in October, 1897, was the center of affection for 33 children and grandchildren.

Our subject was about six years of age when he accompanied his parents in their removal to Oswego, New York. While living in that place he did his first wage earning at seven years of age driving two cows to and from the pasture, a mile distant, for 25 cents per week. He remained with the family when in 1859 they removed to Cleveland. There his first work was in puddling mills connected with furnaces, and then he spent three years on a Medina County farm, receiving \$3 per month during the first year. Refused as a soldier on account of his youth, in the fall of 1864, a lad of 17 years, he proceeded alone to Marquette, pluckily working his passage from Cleveland on the "Likely Bell." He was taken on as a teamster by Wetmore & Brother and relates with amusement how he donned a new suit of clothes in which to

make his first trip to Sands, the terminal that he supposed to be a large city, and which, when reached through 13 miles of unbroken roads through the woods, proved to be a deposit of railroad ties, the excuse for a freight depot. Mr. Young continued teaming for this firm for three years, drawing supplies for them to the Forestville and Collinsville furnaces, and the Iron Cliff and New York iron mines.

In the summer of 1868 he took a clerical position in the general store of Wetmore & Brother, and remained in their employ for 13 years. In the summer of 1877 he went to work for another old firm located but a block away and continued with them for 17 years, having a record of 30 years with the two houses, during which time he lost few days and was never deprived of his pay. Clerking in the times mentioned meant considerable more than it does now, with different departments and managers for each. Then a clerk meant one who could as easily measure out bushels of feed and grain, calculate a load of hay, as he could wrap a yard of silk or induce a customer to invest in an extra pair of shoes. In January, 1894, Mr. Young took charge for a year of the Dead River mill store, but since then has mainly devoted his attention to his real estate holdings. He invested his salary very judiciously and his 13 houses bring him satisfactory rentals. In 1889 he built his beautiful residence at No. 150 West Bluff street.

Mr. Young has been prominent in city affairs and served as supervisor of the Fourth Ward for one term and has been alderman of the Fourth Ward for three terms. He is identified with the various Masonic bodies, belonging to Marquette Lodge, No. 101, A. F. & A. M.; Marquette Chapter, No. 43, R. A. M.; Lake Superior Commandery, No. 30, K. T.; and Ahmed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. Mr. Young was a member of the fire department for 25 years and was chief for four years.

In 1872 Mr. Young was married to Julia Healy, who was born in Kenmare, County Kerry, Ireland, and came with her father, a copper mine worker, to the Northern Peninsula of Michigan when she was nine years old. A family of four children was born to this union, as follows: Mrs. Nelly Marion Wichart, of Marquette, Michigan; Martha Blanche, a lovely, talented girl, who was the valedictorian of her class in the Marquette High School, graduated from the classical course of the University of Michigan at Ann

Arbor, and had been language teacher in the Marquette High School for one year and three months, when she broke down and passed out of life in October, 1901; Roy Archibald, a bookkeeper in the Marquette National Bank; and Robert Todd, who is attending High School. Mr. and Mrs. Young have a most creditable and unusually intelligent family.

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### ZACHARIE VADNAIS, M. D.

ZACHARIE VADNAIS, M. D., whose medical attainments and surgical ability have made him prominent in his profession in Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, was born February 14, 1874, at St. Cuthbert, Berthier County, Province of Quebec, Canada, and is a son of Henri Vadnais, and a descendant of an old family of Normandy, France.

The pioneer of the Vadnais family in Canada was Capt. Louis Vadnais, who came from France in command of his vessel in 1743. He was born in Normandy, France, in 1708, was married at Berthier, Quebec, and died at St. Cuthbert in 1788. Louis Vadnais (2) was born at St. Cuthbert, September 20, 1768, and died there in 1838, leaving two sons, Louis and Peter. Louis Vadnais (3), the grandfather of Dr. Vadnais, was born at St. Cuthbert, May 15, 1797, and died January 20, 1873, leaving five sons,—Hercule, Louis, Joseph, Onesime and Henri—and a daughter,—Margaret.

Henri Vadnais, the father of Dr. Vadnais, was a farmer by occupation. He was born at St. Cuthbert, August 25, 1831, and died March 15, 1897. He had a family of seven sons and two daughters, named as follows: Telesphore, who is a physician at Woonsocket, Rhode Island; Paul, who is a farmer, like his father, at St. Cuthbert; Octevienne, who is also a farmer at St. Cuthbert; Denis, who is a section boss on the Chicago & North-Western Railway at Escanaba, Michigan; Hosmen, who is a farmer at St. Cuthbert; Zacharie, the subject of this sketch; Oscar, who is engaged in farming at St. Cuthbert; and Virginia and Anna.

Dr. Vadnais received his primary education in the parochial schools and

in September, 1886, entered Joliette College, Province of Quebec, Canada, where he completed the classical course with distinction, leaving in the spring of 1894. In the following September he went to Quebec, where he passed his preliminary examination in medicine with great credit and in October proceeded to Montreal to enter upon the study of his profession in the medical department of Laval University. In June, 1896, he passed his first medical examinations and received the degree of M. B., and in June, 1898, he was graduated, and received his diploma and his license to practice in Canada. Dr. Vadnais engaged in medical practice at St. Didace, Maskinonge County, Quebec, Canada, from July, 1898, to October, 1899, when he decided to leave the Dominion for the United States, to locate at Marquette, Michigan. After passing most satisfactory examinations at Detroit, in March, 1900, he secured his license which added to the ranks of the medical profession of Michigan a skilled and thoroughly educated physician and surgeon.

Dr. Vadnais belongs to the medical societies of both Marquette County and the State of Michigan, and also to the Medical Society of the Province of Quebec, Canada. Fraternally he is connected with the Society of St. Jean Baptiste, of Marquette, Union Canadienne Francaise of the Upper Peninsula, Knights of Columbus, and Pere Marquette Tent, K. O. T. M. He is a member of St. Jean Baptiste Church.

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#### F. S. CARLTON.

F. S. CARLTON, president of the Carlton Hardware Company, of Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan, and one of the city's leading citizens and prominent business men, was born in Ontario, Canada. Since 1883 he has been a resident of the Northern Peninsula, having lived eight years at the Sault and 12 years at Calumet, establishing his business in the latter place in 1891.

When Mr. Carlton founded his store in Calumet, it was with the intention of conducting a retail business, but a wholesale trade was also developed.

The business has grown and expanded and has lately been re-organized, with John Burden, vice-president, E. C. Waltz, secretary, while Mr. Carlton is president and treasurer. This company conducts the largest hardware business in the county, being equipped to furnish everything usually found in such an establishment, including plumbing and heating and gas fitting for any kind of building. The company occupies two floors of a commodious building which has a frontage of 29 by 150 feet, carries on a tin shop also and employs a large force of men. Mr. Carlton has shown great business ability in the management of this enterprise. He is also interested in other concerns, is a director in the State Savings Bank at Laurium and owns various Arizona mining properties of value.

Mr. Carlton is identified with the Republican party. He is a Knight of Pythias and a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging in the latter society, to the commandery and consistory at Detroit. In religious views Mr. Carlton is an Episcopalian. The family residence is located at Laurium.



### EDWARD S. GRIERSON.

EDWARD S. GRIERSON, chief engineer of the Calumet & Hecla mine, at Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan, was born in Ontonagon County, Michigan, November 11, 1854, and is a son of James and Joanna (Powers) Grierson, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Ireland. These parents located at Calumet in 1868, where the father secured employment as foreman in the Calumet & Hecla mine, where he continued through life, his death occurring in May, 1897. Our subject was 13 years old when the family removed to Calumet and there he obtained his early education. In 1871 he entered the assay office of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company, which office at that time was a branch of the engineering department. He acted as helper in the office and in 1881 was advanced to the position of assistant engineer, and in 1901, on the death of Engineer Preston C. F. West, he succeeded as chief engineer.

On November 22, 1888, Mr. Grierson was married to Marie Fliege, a most estimable lady, born in Houghton County, Michigan. She is the librarian of the Calumet & Hecla Library. Mr. Grierson is a member of the First Congregational Church, its clerk, and is also one of the directors of the Young Men's Christian Association, a position he has occupied since the founding of the organization in the city. Mr. Grierson has been prominent in many of the activities of the city. He was one of the original Calumet Light Guards, an organization established in 1880, and rose from the ranks through every position to that of captain, a position he resigned in 1897. He is a popular and public spirited citizen and through his years of honorable, upright living, has won the high esteem of all who know him.

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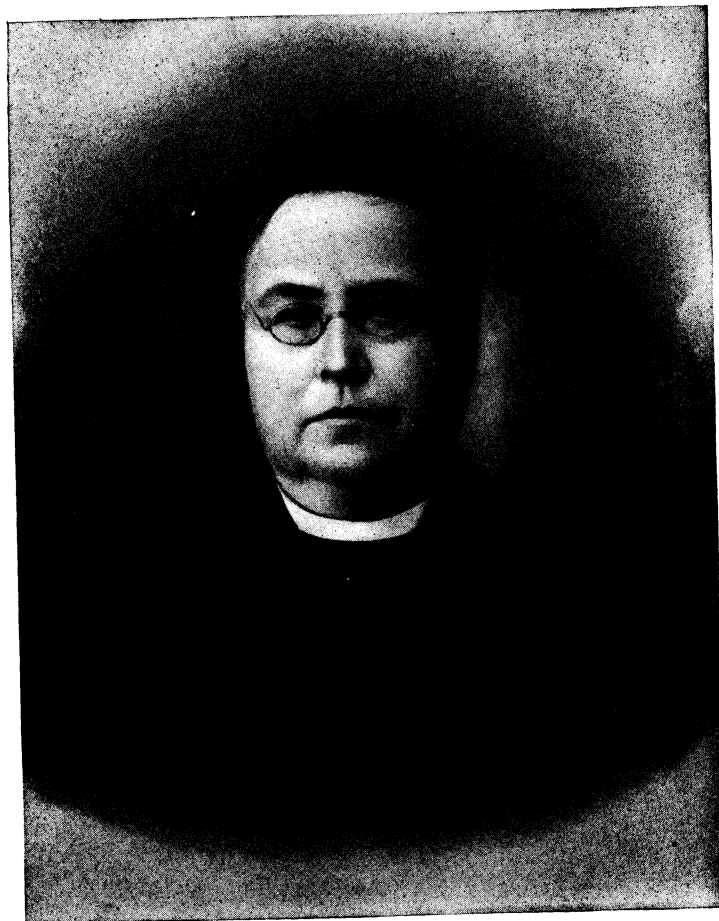
### MATHIAS HANSEN.

MATHIAS HANSEN, one of the leading general merchants of L'Anse, Baraga County, Michigan, was born in 1862 in Denmark, where he was reared and educated. He left land and kindred and came to the United States when but 17 years of age, locating in Ishpeming, Marquette County, Michigan, where he engaged as a miner at the old Saulsbury mine and worked as a miner until 1880, when he removed to Baraga. There he entered the employ of Capt. James Bendry and worked at lumbering in the woods for three years, when he removed to L'Anse and entered the employ of P. Ruppe & Son, where he was employed as a clerk until 1890.

In 1890 Mr. Hansen engaged in the mercantile business with Herman J. Seifert under the firm name of H. J. Seifert & Company, and continued business until the fire of 1896. He then entered the employ of John Campbell, and worked in the latter's store in L'Anse. In 1900 he engaged in his present business venture, and has no reason to regret his decision to once more be numbered among the merchants of L'Anse. He carries a full line of all kinds of general merchandise except dry goods. He has built up a nice trade, and is highly regarded by the citizens of L'Anse and by all with whom he is acquainted.







REV. EDWARD PETER BORDAS.

Mathias Hansen, besides a business citizen, has served as treasurer of the town, and filled the position very creditably. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., K. O. T. M. and A. O. U. W.

Mr. Hansen was united in marriage in 1889 to Lizzie Sangerbusch, a daughter of Frank Sangerbusch, who was one of the early settlers of L'Anse and died in 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Hansen have one son, Harold.



### REV. EDWARD PETER BORDAS.

REV. EDWARD PETER BORDAS, the esteemed and beloved pastor of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church at Lake Linden, Houghton County, Michigan, was born in France in 1843, and is a son of Francis and Jane (Rougier) Bordas.

Francis Bordas died at Poitiers in his native land, where he had followed the occupation of a railroad contractor. The mother of our subject was also born in France and died there. Both parents were devoted members of the Catholic Church, in which faith their nine children were reared. The three survivors are: Rev. Edward Peter, of this sketch; Lucy, the wife of J. Brel, of Bordeaux, France; and Alfred, a noted French sculptor of Poitiers, who exhibited a number of his classic statues at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Father Bordas at an early age entered the National Lyceum at Piegn, France, and went from there to the Brothers' school at Poitiers, from which preparatory institution he entered a classical seminary in the vicinity of Poitiers. After six busy years there, he entered the theological seminary of that city and after four years of preparation was ordained a priest. His charges were in different parts of France until 1879, when he decided to enter upon mission work. He was then sent to Canada, where he spent much time perfecting his knowledge of the English language and in 1881 was sent by Bishop Faber, of Montreal, to Bishop Vertin, of Marquette, Michigan, and he has remained in different parishes in the latter's diocese

ever since. In 1897 he removed from Rockland to his present charge, where his efforts have met with both financial and spiritual encouragement. He found a debt of \$8,000 hanging over St. Joseph's Church, which in two years he had managed to pay off and then started upon other improvements which have made this parish notable through the diocese. The parish school is conducted on a high school curriculum, there being 400 pupils and 13 teachers, who are Sisters of St. Joseph's from Concordia, Kansas.

Father Bordas understands human nature and the trend of modern thought. He is deeply interested in the young of his parish and sympathizes most thoroughly with their needs and ambitions, promoting judiciously those amusements and enjoyments natural to their age. Six years ago he organized a musical company composed of the young men of his parish, which has become a credit to the community, and the many social gatherings for church work, charity, or pleasure have his countenance and support. His congregation is composed of 400 families of French Canadians. Two years ago his parishioners agreed with him that a new church edifice was needed, the result appearing in the construction which is now in progress. Thus far the sum of \$26,000 has been expended and probably as much more will be required to finish what will be one of the most beautiful and stately structures of the village. A portrait of Father Bordas accompanies this sketch.



### ALFRED S. WESTLAKE.

ALFRED S. WESTLAKE, one of the leading merchants and a prominent citizen of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, was born in Venice, Cayuga County, New York, May 10, 1839, and is a son of John S. and Louisa (Hancock) Westlake.

John S. Westlake was born in 1810 near Bristol, England, and came to America when about 25 years of age. He also conducted a mercantile business. In England he married Louisa Hancock, born also at Bristol, who belonged to the same family tree as did John Hancock, the signer of the Dec-

laration of Independence. Alfred S. Westlake is the third member of a family of seven children, of whom six grew to maturity. The eldest child, born in England, died and was buried at sea. The six that reached manhood and womanhood were as follows: Albert S., a dentist of Le Roy, New York; Alfred S., our subject; Mary A., who is still a resident on the old homestead at Perry, New York; Mrs. Elizabeth L. Washburn, who died in 1876 at Caro, Michigan; Mrs. Priscilla M. Fisk, who resides at Rochester, New York; and Mrs. Lucy Chapin Denyes, of Pueblo, Colorado.

Mr. Westlake lived in Cayuga County, New York, until about 12 years of age and then removed with his parents to Perry, Wyoming County, New York, where he lived until 1860. He attended district school at Venice and was a student at the Perry Academy, taking a classical course at the latter institution, but his vacations were occupied with farm work. In 1860 he went to Kalamazoo, Michigan, and was there engaged as a clerk in a bookstore for M. Allen & Son, for two years and then accompanied the junior member of the firm, when he removed the business to Detroit, Michigan. In May, 1864, Mr. Westlake reached Marquette on the "Pewabic," a steamer that soon after was sunk in a collision with the "Meteor." Mr. Westlake was first employed with the dry goods firm of Burt Brothers, and was with them at the time of the great fire (June 11, 1868), and then went into partnership with Judson Burt, under the firm name of Westlake & Burt,—one of the first general mercantile stores to start up again in the devastated city. Later, another partner was added, S. N. Bronson, and the firm name became Westlake, Burt & Company, and when our subject and Mr. Bronson bought Mr. Burt's interest, the business became Westlake & Bronson. In 1886 Mr. Westlake bought Mr. Bronson's interest and since 1890 has devoted his whole attention to the dry goods line. For 12 years he occupied the present site of the Marquette Savings Bank, but in 1880 the business was moved to its present very advantageous location. Mr. Westlake is a successful merchant, his long experience fitting him for the conduct of a large business.

On September 23, 1873, Mr. Westlake was married to Frances Louise Harvey, who was born at Mount Clemens, Michigan, and is a daughter of the late N. S. Harvey. The two children of this union are Alfred H. and Lucy M., both of whom are at home. During his long residence in Marquette,

Mr. Westlake has taken a good citizen's interest in the place and has always cast his influence in the direction of permanent improvements and the advancement of religion and education. Since the age of 19 years he has been a member of the Baptist Church, served for more than 40 years in the choir, over 30 as church clerk, and for many years as one of the deacons. He is well known throughout the county and enjoys the respect and esteem of all who know him.



### T. F. DONAHOE.

T. F. DONAHOE, who is engaged in a large real estate business at Ishpeming, Marquette County, Michigan, where he is one of the leading and representative citizens, was born in 1850 in Washington County, Wisconsin, and is a son of Patrick and Nora Donahoe.

Patrick Donahoe was born and married in Ireland, and upon coming to this country located in Washington County, Wisconsin, in 1845, with his wife and one child, at a date when the city of Milwaukee did not number more than 5,000 inhabitants. His home he located at the end of a trail through the forest, running in a northwest direction for 34 miles from Milwaukee, and was one of the first of the pioneer settlers to penetrate into that section of Wisconsin. As a successful, industrious farmer, he passed here his whole life, dying in 1861, at the age of 60 years. His wife died in 1890, aged 70 years, having been the mother of 11 children, four of whom still survive.

T. F. Donahoe was reared in Washington County, Wisconsin, and received as good a district school education as the times and the place afforded. In 1864, three years after the death of his father, our subject's mother removed with her family to Ontonagon County, Michigan, settling at Rockland in order to give the children better educational chances. Our subject removed to Ishpeming, Marquette County, in 1869, and in the early part of 1870, at the age of 20 years, embarked in a general mercantile business,

which he successfully conducted until 1892. Since that time Mr. Donahoe has been giving his attention to insurance and real estate business, performing also the duties of justice of the peace, and looking after the large interests of a number of corporations, of whose directing boards he is a member. He handles a large amount of valuable timber property through his section. For five terms he served as supervisor of the Third Ward, and was honored by being elected four terms as mayor of the city. For 17 years he has been a member of the Board of Education and for the same length of time has been connected with the fire department, having been treasurer and assistant chief. He was one of the organizers of the American Iron Mining Company and held the office of president through the life of the company; and was vice-president of the East & York Mining Company. For eight years he was a director of the Miners' National Bank of Ishpeming.

In 1878 Mr. Donahoe was married to Julia A. McKenna, of Ishpeming, Michigan, and they have three children, viz: D. G., who graduated from the Michigan College of Mines, June 3, 1903, and is mining engineer for the Illinois Iron Mining Company at North Freedom, Wisconsin; Frances T., a student at the Michigan College of Mines; and Sara, a graduate of the Academy of Our Lady, at Longwood, Illinois.



### COL. JAMES NYE COX.

COL. JAMES NYE COX. The late war with Spain brought out the military capacities of the men connected with the State militia of Michigan, and brought into prominence many men who have been identified for years with military organizations only in times of peace. When the Michigan troops were mobilized at Lake Island, in 1898, the work was accomplished in excellent manner by Michigan officers. Col. James Nye Cox, under General Irish, was one of the prominent officers who assisted so materially by his advice and executive ability in placing the Michigan regiments in such fine condition for the gallant work they did in the war with Spain.

The Cox family is an old English one, its founder in this country being Gresham Cox. James V. Cox, the father of Colonel Cox, was a sea captain, engaged in whale fishing, a sturdy, hardy man who gave to his children, with other characteristics, strong constitutions, military bearing and dauntless courage.

James Nye Cox was born in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, April 10, 1844. His mother was prior to her marriage, Mercy Nye Howland, a member of the prominent old Nye family of the Bay State. James attended the schools of his native town and later Wesleyan Seminary at Kent's Hill, Maine, where he remained until he was almost 18 years of age. In 1862, when President Lincoln issued his call for 300,000 more men, the young student left his books and enlisted in Company I, 3rd Reg., Massachusetts Vol. Inf., of which he was made corporal, and with his company, as a part of the Army Corps, saw much active service in the Carolinas. Within nine months of his enlistment, he was made 2nd lieutenant of Company G, 58th Reg., Massachusetts Vol. Inf., and was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He served with gallantry until the close of the war, participating in many of the most serious engagements in which the regiment figured. Lieutenant Cox was severely wounded at Cold Harbor and again at Petersburg, and when his regiment was mustered out he was ranked 1st lieutenant and regimental adjutant.

For five years after the close of the war, Lieutenant Cox was connected with the wholesale tobacco trade, working for a firm in New York City and traveling in its interest through New York and New England. In 1870 he was tendered and accepted the position of junior clerk in the office of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company, and in 1888 was made clerk at the mine, a position he still occupies. He has been active in military affairs in the State and in 1881 assisted in the organization of the Calumet Light Guards, serving as 1st lieutenant, and was appointed colonel and aid-de-camp on the staff of Governor Alger. Later Governor Luce appointed him a member of his staff and Colonel Cox served through the four years of that administration. In 1897 he was made assistant inspector general on the staff of Brigadier-General Lyon; in 1899 he was appointed assistant inspector general on the staff of Brigadier-General Tyrrell; in 1901 he was appointed

an aide-de-camp on the staff of Governor Bliss, and is still in service. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. Colonel Cox has taken high Masonic honors, is a Knight Templar, belonging to Montrose Commandery, and is a Shriner of Ahmed Temple of Marquette, Michigan.

In 1879 Colonel Cox was united in marriage with Edith I. Mackenzie, daughter of the late Frederick Mackenzie, of Calumet, Michigan.



### JAMES B. COOPER.

JAMES B. COOPER, superintendent of the Calumet & Hecla Smelting works at South Lake Linden, and one of the capitalists of Houghton County, was born in 1859 in Springwells township, Wayne County, Michigan. He is a son of James R. and Mary E. (Jenks) Cooper, the former of whom was born in New York and is now manager of the Quincy Smelting works. Our subject's mother was born in Oakland County, Michigan.

Mr. Cooper was educated in the schools of Detroit, graduating from the High School in that city in 1877. He then located at Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, and went into the employ of his father in the office of the Detroit & Lake Superior Copper Company, where he remained until 1879. His business career was interrupted by one year spent at college, and upon his return he resumed his duties in the same office. In 1888 he went to Bridgeport, Connecticut, and remained there two years with the Bridgeport Copper Company and then returned to Houghton. In January, 1891, he was made superintendent of the Calumet & Hecla Smelting works at South Lake Linden, a position of great responsibility, which, however, he efficiently fills. Mr. Cooper has proven himself a first class man of business, and from close study for years is well adapted for his present work. He is interested in a number of enterprises in the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, and is one of the directors of the National Bank of Houghton.

In 1892 Mr. Cooper was united in marriage with Antoinette Senter, a



daughter of John Senter, an extremely well known resident of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, and pioneer of the Lake Superior mining region, whose sketch and portrait appear on preceding pages of this work.



### REV. W. B. COOMBE.

REV. W. B. COOMBE, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan, was born in 1858 in Cornwall, England. His parents, John and Elizabeth (Barlase) Coombe, were natives of the same section, and they now reside in Ontonagon County, Michigan, where they settled after coming to America, about the time of the Civil War. The father gained his mining experience in the tin mines of Cornwall, and came to America in order to find similar employment, under more favorable conditions, in the rich mineral country of the Northern Peninsula of Michigan. His family followed him at a later date. Although he has not been actively engaged for some 15 years, for a like period he served at Rockland and Greenland, as captain in various mines. Our subject has one sister, Ada L., who conducts a dry goods business at Ontonagon.

Rev. Mr. Coombe was reared to manhood in Cornwall, England. He was educated at one of the best private schools in his native county, but of his theological training, excepting a few months in college, it may be said that this well read, intelligent and useful man, has practically educated himself, snatching rare vacations from work, and hours from needed sleep, in order to improve his mind. He learned the trade of blacksmith in early manhood, serving a full apprenticeship. In 1882 he came to the United States and worked for three years at his trade in Ontonagon, during this time, from the age of 16 years, holding religious services. In 1884 he entered the ministry, in answer to a call for missionaries in the home field, accepting work in the Territory of Montana. There he most acceptably filled charges at Glendive, for more than two years; three years at Livingston; four years at Great Falls; two years at Missoula; and one year at Phillipsburg. In 1896,





HON. RICHARD M. HOAR.

on account of ill health, he was transferred to the Detroit Conference and was stationed at Munising, Michigan, then a new town. There he was very actively engaged, securing lots, building a church and parsonage, and so encouraging religious effort, that he was retained by the good people of the place for three years, and was desired for another, but the conference then sent him to Calumet, Houghton County. Rev. Mr. Coombe has been equally successful in Calumet, has built up the church, pushed forward temperance work and has been a true leader and example for his people. One result of his efforts in this field has been the payment of the church debt.

Rev. Mr. Coombe was married in England to Elizabeth J. Gay, who was born in Cornwall, and they have a family of four children: William J., a stenographer and bookkeeper; George Lloyd, Jesse and Phillip. As a Mason, Rev. Mr. Coombe has advanced to be a Knight Templar and a Shriner, being a member of Ahmed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Marquette, Michigan.



### CLARENCE M. HOAR.

CLARENCE M. HOAR, agent at Houghton for the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway Company and the Mineral Range Railroad Company, is a native of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, and is a son of Hon. Richard M. and Elizabeth W. (Bailey) Hoar.

Hon. Richard M. Hoar, one of the most prominent of Houghton County's citizens, whose portrait is herewith shown, was born at St. Anstell, Cornwall, England, March 28, 1831, and was one of nine children born to Jacob and Gertrude (Martin) Hoar, both natives of Cornwall, his father being an engineer. Mr. Hoar attended school until 12 years old, and then engaged in the clerical department of a mercantile establishment. At the age of 20 he went into business for himself and remained in England until 1854, when he immigrated to Canada, and engaged in the dry goods business from 1854 to 1859. In 1859, removing to Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, which he had visited in 1857, he formed a mercantile

partnership with his brother, John Hoar, and this continued, until the death of the brother in 1884, under the firm name of John Hoar & Brother. Richard M. Hoar then continued alone, also having a store at Portage Entry until 1897. In addition he engaged extensively in other business operations. With his brother he took a government contract in the "sixties" to open a wagon road between Houghton and Baraga. He was largely engaged in freighting, for some years doing all the freighting for the section, besides carrying the mail, freight and express between L'Anse and Houghton. He had the contract for building the western end of the Marquette, Houghton & Ontonagon Railroad (now the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway), and until the road extended beyond L'Anse conducted a boat and stage line, the former in the summer and the latter in the winter. When the road was completed to Houghton, about 1882, he had charge of the Portage Lake Transfer Company, which did the transferring of all freight across the lake until 1886, when the Mineral Range Railroad was built across the lake. Mr. Hoar was the second president of the village of Houghton, and was a councilman almost from the time the village was organized. He was chief engineer and organizer of the Houghton Fire Department, established about 1862, and for 15 consecutive years was a member of the School Board. In 1873 he was elected to represent Houghton and Baraga Counties in the Michigan Legislature, and served most acceptably to his constituents. He was married at Toronto, Canada, to Elizabeth W. Bailey, of Kent County, England, by whom he had six children, as follows: Mrs. J. S. Smith, deceased; Clarence M., subject of this sketch; Frederick W., superintendent of the Old Dominion Mining & Smelting Company, at Globe, Arizona; Martin R., also a resident of Arizona; Mrs. L. M. Hardenburgh, whose husband is superintendent of the Odanah Mining Company, of Hurley, Wisconsin; and Mrs. Elton W. Walker, whose husband is assistant superintendent of The Tombstone Consolidated Mines Company, at Tombstone, Arizona. Mr. Hoar was a thirty-second degree Mason. His death occurred February 12, 1903.

Clarence M. Hoar was educated in the High School and attended school at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for a time, being called home by a telegram from his father to assist in the railway construction, and to act as paymaster and

to have charge of accounts. Afterwards, he assumed the duties of manager of the Portage Lake Transfer Company, continuing until the Mineral Range Railroad crossed Portage Lake. On April 1, 1886, he was made agent for that road at Houghton, and in September, 1886, went to Hancock as agent of the road and for the American Express Company. In May, 1887, he was appointed traveling auditor for the Mineral Range Railroad Company, and in September, 1887, was made assistant auditor. In October, 1888, he was appointed acting auditor and cashier; October 14, 1889, auditor and cashier; and when the road came under the management of the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway Company, January 1, 1894, spent some months at the general offices in Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan. Desiring to return to Houghton, he accepted the position of station agent that he now holds. Fraternally he was a charter member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, established in Houghton in 1889.



### WILLIAM A. ROSS.

WILLIAM A. ROSS, county clerk of Marquette County, Michigan, has been a resident of the city of Marquette since 1880, and is one of the substantial and useful men of the community.

Mr. Ross was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 4, 1857, and is a son of J. Ross, a native of Scotland, who lost his life in the Union service early in the Civil War. Our subject's mother, who died May 24, 1902, came of an old Cincinnati family. She had a sister residing at Marquette, and it was largely through this fact that our subject moved there with his mother.

After graduating from the schools of Cincinnati, William A. Ross followed the theatrical business from 1876 to 1879, when his brother died. He was also a member of the Dramatic Club at his home in Cincinnati. In the meantime he had learned the ornamental sign painting trade, and after locating in Marquette, February 25, 1880, he followed his trade in partnership with a Mr. Groves, who was also from Cincinnati, for a period of four years.

He subsequently resumed the theatrical business, and became the first manager of the new Opera House of Marquette, which opened its doors in 1901, managing it for a period of two years. He then accepted the position of manager of the Marquette Valley Mill in 1894, and served in that capacity until elected clerk of Marquette County in the fall of 1896, on the Republican ticket. He entered upon the duties of his new office on January 1, 1897, and has since discharged them in a most efficient manner. He is popular and well known throughout the county, and by courteous treatment has made friends of all with whom he has been brought in contact, both socially and in business relations.

In 1882, Mr. Ross was joined in marriage with Miss Sutton, a daughter of David Sutton, a native of Scotland. Mr. Sutton came to the Northern Peninsula of Michigan from Canada in the early "sixties," and was master builder of the Marquette, Houghton & Ontonagon Railroad, now known as the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway. Mr. Sutton had intended studying medicine, and originally located at Hancock, Houghton County, with the intention of becoming connected with the hospital. His plans miscarried and for 20 years he was head foreman for Mr. Joselyn, whom he succeeded as master builder under the general management of John Hornby. There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ross four children, as follows: Norma B., who graduated from the Marquette High School in 1900, and is attending Normal School in preparation for teaching; Grace L., who graduated from the Marquette High School in 1901, and is assisting her father in the office; William A., who is a member of the class of 1904 in the Marquette High School; and Earl A., aged nine years, who is also attending school. The family residence is on Ohio street, Marquette.

Mr. Ross is a prominent Odd Fellow, being a member and past officer of Marquette Lodge No. 108; Encampment No. 58, of which he is past noble grand and past chief patriarch; and Patriarchs Militant, of which he is past commander. He has a number of other fraternal connections, being past chancellor commander and present commander of Marquette Lodge No. 6, K. of P.; past exalted ruler and present secretary of Marquette Lodge No. 405, B. P. O. E.; a member of Grafton Lodge No. 111, A. O. U. W.; and manager of Camp No. 991, M. W. A. He was instrumental with other Odd

Fellows and Knights of Pythias in the building of the Fraternity Building on Front street. He has been a director since it was built in 1891, and has been its treasurer since 1901. He is a member of the Odd Fellows Building Association, and is assistant secretary of the Marquette County Agricultural Society, having served as such for the past 12 years. In religious views, the family are Baptists.



### ARTHUR FERDINAND FISCHER, M. D.

ARTHUR FERDINAND FISCHER, M. D., surgeon at the Quincy milling plant of South Lake Linden, Houghton County, Michigan, proprietor of the South Lake Linden Pharmacy and health officer of Torch Lake township, is one of the leading medical men of the Northern Peninsula of Michigan. He was born June 22, 1867, at Chicago, Illinois, and is a son of the late Rev. Ferdinand Fischer and Lina B. Uhl, his wife, both natives of Germany, the latter of whom was born at Wurtemberg and is now a resident of Northfield, Minnesota, aged 66 years.

Rev. Ferdinand Fischer was a man of extraordinary character. He was born in Prussia in 1830, and came to the United States in young manhood, having been an officer of artillery in the Prussian Army. He sought a home for his family in the vicinity of Northfield, Minnesota, where he took up a homestead. Some two years after settling in this country, he began to take an active interest in the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which resulted in his later being ordained to the ministry in that religious body. He was a man of fine educational acquirements and became a professor at the German-English College at Galena, Illinois. At the time of his decease, in 1900, he was on the superannuated list of clergymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dr. Fischer is the eldest member of the family of four children born to his parents, all of whom have displayed unusual intellectual vigor. Otto is a physician established at Houston, Minnesota; Martha is a professor of mathematics, and Laura is professor of Latin and Greek at St. Paul's College, at St. Paul, Minnesota.



Dr. Fischer obtained his primary education in the common schools and was reared in an atmosphere of intelligence and Christian culture. In 1883 he entered the German-English College at Galena, Illinois, and was graduated in 1886, with the degree of B. S. He entered the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, during that year and was graduated from the medical department in 1890. His first location for practice was at the Quincy mine in Houghton County, in the Northern Peninsula, as assistant physician and surgeon to Dr. F. J. Downer; one year later, in 1891, he removed to South Lake Linden, as surgeon at the Quincy milling plant. Dr. Fischer has proved very capable in this position and has many grateful patients. He operates his own pharmacy, with the advantage of having pure drugs and medicaments, and he keeps a watchful eye over the sanitary condition of the whole of the township. His life is given to his profession and he gains all the instruction and inspiration he can through membership with the Houghton County Medical Association; State Medical Association; American Medical Association; and the Upper Peninsula Medical Society. He is a valued contributor to medical literature and for some time has served as examiner for fraternal orders and insurance companies. He belongs to the higher branches of the Masonic fraternity, also to the K. O. T. M.; M. W. A.; O. D. H. S.; and F. O. A.

On July 14, 1896, Dr. Fischer was united in marriage with Mayme A. Slonaker, who was born at Calumet, Michigan, in 1871, and is a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Carberry) Slonaker. Twin daughters, Helen and Irene, were born to Dr. and Mrs. Fischer in 1899.



#### REV. H. ZIMMERMAN.

REV. H. ZIMMERMAN, pastor of St. Cecilia's Church, at South Lake Linden, Houghton County, Michigan, and one of the ablest as well as best beloved priests of the Roman Catholic Church in the Northern Peninsula, was born at Dusseldorf, Germany, in December, 1869. He completed his classical studies in the same city and studied theology at the University of

Junsbruck, Austria. Father Zimmerman came to the United States in 1892 and was ordained priest at Marquette, Michigan, on June 24, 1893. His first charge was as assistant priest at the cathedral in Marquette. In 1894 he was sent to Iron River, Iron County, Michigan, and in 1895 to Dollar Bay, Houghton County. In 1899 he was placed in charge of St. Cecilia's Church at South Lake Linden.

Father Zimmerman is a faithful, tireless and enthusiastic worker. He carries on many educational enterprises hand in hand with his religious duties, and he is regarded by the whole community with respect and esteem.



#### REV. JOSEPH G. PINTEN.

REV. JOSEPH G. PINTEN, pastor of the cathedral parish at Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, whose labors have centered there since 1897, was born in 1867 at Rockland, Ontonagon County, Michigan. His rearing and early education were had at Calumet, Houghton County.

After completing his classical studies at the Milwaukee Seminary, Father Pinten went to Rome, where for six years he was carefully instructed in theology and philosophy. On November 1, 1890, he was ordained in Rome by Cardinal Parocchi, after which he returned to his American home. His first charge was in Detour, Michigan, where he continued one year and then for four years he had charge of the Italian parish at Iron Mountain. After a few months spent at L'Anse, Baraga County, he was sent to Marquette and has now charge of a parish comprising about 500 families.

The new cathedral which was consecrated in July, 1890, was built by Bishop Vertin and is one of the finest edifices of its kind in the Northern Peninsula of Michigan. It has a seating capacity for 1500 or more and is very modern in its architecture. A fine parochial school for boys was erected by Bishop Vertin in 1898, and a new one is being erected on an opposite location for girls. This will be a magnificent structure, with dimensions of 72 by 130 feet, a fine gymnasium being planned for the basement. The first floor

of the new building will contain eight large class rooms with seating capacity for over 400; the second story will have an assembly room seating 1200, and thus the structure will be the best constructed school building in the whole diocese. In order to harmonize with the beautiful cathedral, the school will be built of cut sandstone. As this magnificent school edifice will be known as the Baraga School, its name will perpetuate the memory of the first bishop of the diocese, Frederick Baraga.



### JOHN R. RYAN.

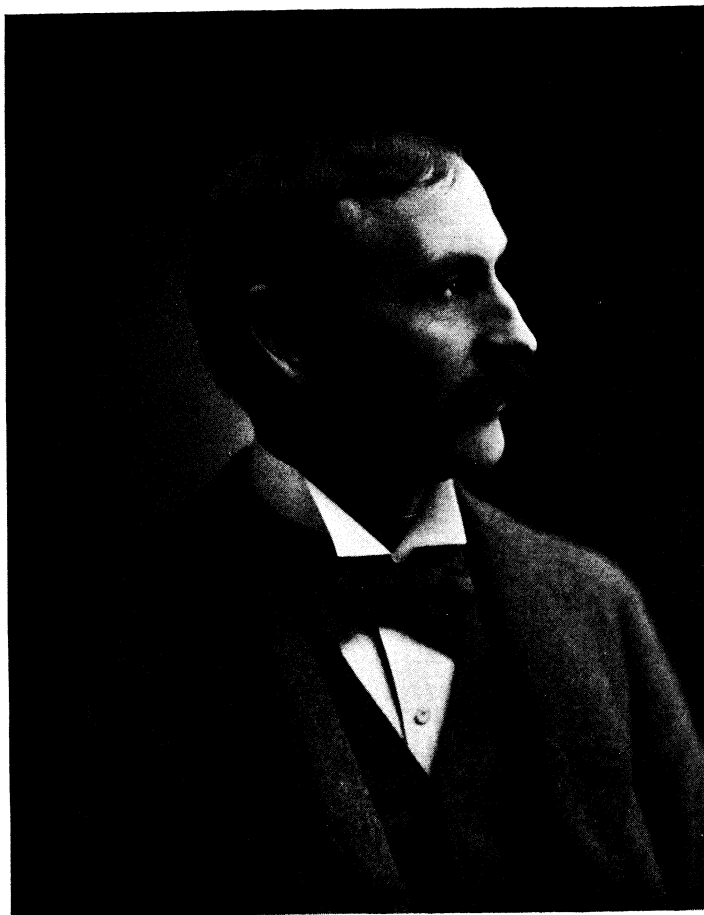
JOHN R. RYAN, who is serving his fifth term as mayor of Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan, is proprietor of the well established livery and undertaking business located at Sixth and Portland streets, Calumet. He was born in Lafayette County, Wisconsin, February 27, 1857, and has lived in Houghton County the greater part of his life.

The parents of our subject, Cornelius and Bridget Ryan, spent the latter part of their lives in Houghton County. Cornelius Ryan came from Ireland when a young man, locating in Wisconsin, but after some little time removed with his wife and family to Houghton County, Michigan, where they both died, Mr. Ryan reaching the age of 74 years. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan had four children, one of whom died in infancy.

John R. Ryan was about two years old when his parents moved to Houghton County, where he was reared and educated. In 1889 he engaged in the livery business in Calumet, and about 1891, meeting with success in the operation of his livery stable, he engaged also in the undertaking business. He has a large number of horses and his undertaking business is the largest and best equipped in this section of the State. He was married in 1881 to Margaret Conway, of Houghton County, and they are the parents of seven children.

Politically, Mr. Ryan is a Democrat. His popularity may be judged from the fact that he is now serving his fifth term as mayor. Socially, our





HON. WILLARD ELIHU GRAY.

subject is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians; Ancient Order of United Workmen; Modern Woodmen of America; Knights of the Maccabees and the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks.

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### HON. WILLARD ELIHU GRAY.

HON. WILLARD ELIHU GRAY, judge of the Probate Court of Houghton County, Michigan, and attorney for the village of Lake Linden, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, is one of the best known and most able lawyers of the copper country. He was born in Charleston township, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, May 11, 1854, and is a son of Samuel S. and Susan (Clark) Gray.

Samuel S. Gray was born in Niagara County, New York, and is now living on the old homestead in Kalamazoo County, Michigan, at the ripe old age of 82 years. He came to Michigan in 1847, and followed farming and the trade of a carpenter. He was united in marriage with Susan Clark, who was born in Genesee County, New York, and died in 1900, at the age of 78 years. Three children were born to them, namely: Alice, widow of John Carey, residing in Comstock township, Kalamazoo County, Michigan; Willard E.; and Emmet M., who lives on the old home farm. Samuel S. Gray was originally a Whig in politics, and is now a Republican. He and his wife were both members of the Congregational Church.

Willard E. Gray was educated in the high school at Galesburg, Kalamazoo County, after which he entered the law department of the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated with the class of 1880. He then served 15 months as clerk in the law office of Brown & Thomas at Battle Creek, Michigan, and, beginning in October, 1881, practiced law in Superior until early in 1884. He then went to Duluth, Minnesota, and practiced until the fall of 1884, when he removed to Keweenaw County, Michigan, where he was soon after appointed prosecuting attorney for the county, and served two terms in that capacity. He also served three terms as a commis-

sioner of the Circuit Court. He located in Lake Linden, Houghton County, in June, 1885, and has since made his home in that village. He was elected judge of the Probate Court of Houghton County in November, 1896, and is now serving his second term. For the past 10 years he has faithfully discharged the duties of attorney for the village of Lake Linden.

In 1884 Judge Gray was joined in marriage with Anna Brockway, who was born at the old Northwest mine in Keweenaw County, Michigan, in 1851, and is a daughter of Daniel D. and Lucena Brockway. They have one son, Perry Brockway, born November 17, 1890. Our subject is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and is unswerving in his devotion to the principles of that party.



### ARCH B. ELDREDGE.

ARCH B. ELDREDGE, general attorney for the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway Company since 1890, and a recognized legal light in the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, was born at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, in 1853, and is a son of Charles A. Eldredge, who for many years was a prominent attorney. Both parents are deceased, and Mr. Eldredge of this biography is the only member of his family in this section.

After graduating at Racine College in 1875, Mr. Eldredge spent two years at Princeton prior to entering the law office of his father. In 1877 he was admitted to the bar and practiced in association with his father until 1882, when he removed to Ishpeming in order to accept the appointment as attorney in Michigan for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company. In his present responsible position he succeeded W. P. Healy. Mr. Eldredge engages in general practice and is well and favorably known throughout Marquette County.

In 1882 Mr. Eldredge married Jennie, a daughter of Henry F. Rose, a prominent attorney of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and three children were born to them during their residence at Ishpeming, namely: Edith, Adda and

Ralph. The home of Mr. Eldredge is located on a pleasant site on High street, Marquette, and the members of the family are socially well known. The religious connection is with the Protestant Episcopal Church. Mr. Eldredge is not a very active politician, but leans in the direction of Democracy. He has never consented to accept the cares or honors of office. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic blue lodge at Ishpeming.



### FREDERICK MACKENZIE.

FREDERICK MACKENZIE, formerly editor and proprietor of the *Copper Country Evening News*, a journal he founded in 1891, and a prominent and representative citizen of the Northern Peninsula, died at his home in Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan, January 17, 1903. He was born in London, England, October 27, 1832, and was a son of Frederick and Mary (Hind) Mackenzie.

The elder Frederick Mackenzie was a celebrated architectural and water color artist, who exhibited work at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1876, and was secretary of the Society of Water Color Painters of London. His death occurred in London, at the age of 68. His widow survived some years and made her home with her son.

The late Frederick Mackenzie of Calumet was the only child of his parents. He was educated in London, England, and prepared for the practice of law. At the age of 32 years he came to America and settled on land purchased in Champaign County, Illinois, but later removed thence on account of ill health and joined the exodus then being made from other States to the copper country of Northern Michigan. He was associated with a mine in Keweenaw County, then entered into the hardware business at Hancock, Houghton County, and after five years accepted the position of supply clerk for the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company, a position he held for 18 years, during which period he organized the Pioneer Lumber Company which he continued until 1895. He then severed his pleasant relations with the Calumet &



Hecla Mining Company in order to engage in the newspaper business and other enterprises.

Mr. Mackenzie was the financial backer of the old *Weekly News* from its founding and its editor for over 10 years. In 1891 he founded the daily edition under the name of the *Copper Country Evening News*. His earlier political views favored Democracy, but when times changed he changed also and during the last 15 years of his busy existence was a strong supporter of the Republican party. He was one of the men in a community who could efficiently fill any position, and for 35 years he ably discharged the duties of township clerk, in addition to those his private affairs brought him. The beautiful Lake View Cemetery at Calumet was organized through him and S. Olson, and he served as its secretary during his lifetime. He was prominent, also, in the Masonic body and held the position of secretary of Calumet Lodge, No. 271, F. & A. M., for a longer period than any other member. He was an enthusiastic member of the Sons of St. George, an order that he assisted in establishing in Calumet.

Prior to coming to America, Mr. Mackenzie married Emma M. Banks, a native of London, England, who still resides at Calumet. The children born to this union were: Edith I., wife of Col. James Nye Cox of Calumet, Michigan; Nell, wife of J. B. Curtis of Calumet, Michigan; Emma M., widow of Kirk Salms of Chicago, Illinois; Fred H. of Hallock, Minnesota; Clyde S., manager of the *Copper Country Evening News*; and Dr. Robert B.



### HON. A. W. KERR.

HON. A. W. KERR, senior member of the law firm of Kerr & Peterman, with commodious offices in the Quello Block, Calumet, accompanied his parents, in 1883, on their journey from Canada to Lake Linden, Houghton County, Michigan. He was born in Ontario, Canada, but was practically reared in Houghton County.

After completing the public school course at Lake Linden, Mr. Kerr spent

one year in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and in 1892 entered the law office of A. T. Streeter, the present Circuit Court judge, remaining in the Calumet office until Judge Streeter was called to the bench. He was admitted to the bar on July 12, 1895, and practiced alone until January 1, 1901, when the present partnership was formed with A. E. Peterman. The firm is engaged in a general legal practice and Mr. Kerr has already become a prominent member of the Houghton County bar. For a period he served as city attorney of Calumet and as commissioner of the Circuit Court.

In politics Mr. Kerr is a staunch Republican and represented the First Houghton District in the Legislature for two terms,—1899 and 1901. In January, 1903, he was appointed by the Governor, a member of the State Tax Commission and is also on the Board of Assessors, serving as its chairman. In every demand that has been made upon him, Mr. Kerr has proved a good citizen. During the Spanish-American War he served as corporal in Company D, 34th Regiment, Michigan Infantry, U. S. Volunteers. Fraternally he belongs to the Masons, Elks and Odd Fellows.

In 1889 Mr. Kerr was married at Calumet, Michigan, to a daughter of D. D. Murphy, and they have one daughter. His father died when he was young, but his mother still survives and resides at Laurium, with her other children,—a daughter, and Dr. M. M., John and A. F.

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### EMANUEL SKOGLUND.

EMANUEL SKOGLUND, who recently entered upon his second term as treasurer of Marquette County, Michigan, is a resident of Ishpeming, where he has been extensively engaged in contracting. He is a prosperous business man, and enjoys the highest esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Skoglund was born in 1857 in Central Sweden, where he was educated in the common schools and learned the trade of a mason, the only capital he had when he arrived in this country in 1880, and located at Ishpeming, Marquette County, where he engaged in contracting. His operations were

not confined to this one town but extended into the surrounding country, and his business grew to such an extent that he frequently employed large forces of mechanics. He has ever been a staunch Republican, and was called upon to serve as supervisor. He was elected county treasurer and entered upon the duties of the office January 1, 1901, and has since been the incumbent of that office. He is a very popular man, being well known throughout the county.

Mr. Skoglund was united in marriage with Carrie Olson, a native of Sweden who came to this country in 1882. Four children have blessed their union, namely: Regina Heldegaard, a milliner of Marquette; Walford, Elsie and Elander, all of whom were born in Marquette County. The three last named are in attendance at school. Mr. Skoglund and family live in a fine home which he built in Ishpeming. He has at times been interested in newspapers and other local enterprises. Fraternally, he is a member of Ishpeming Lodge, B. P. O. E.; and Modern Woodmen of America, of which he has served as trustee. For some six or seven years he was president of the Swedish Home Society. Religiously, he and his family are members of the Lutheran Church.



### JOHN D. MANGUM.

JOHN D. MANGUM, postmaster of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, and a prominent and representative citizen, was born in 1859 at Jackson, Michigan, and is a son of the late J. D. Mangum, who was a native of Connecticut and a farmer by occupation. Our subject's mother, who was a native of Ireland, is still living.

John D. Mangum was reared at Jackson and was educated there in the common and high schools. In that city he entered the employ of S. A. Welling in the wholesale men's furnishing goods line and later engaged in the same at Grand Rapids, Michigan. Later he went on the road for Mr. Welling and for other houses and traveled for 12 years through the Northern Peninsula. About 1895 Mr. Mangum located at Marquette, Marquette County,

Michigan. He is largely interested in timber lands, mainly in the valuable hardwoods and cedar, both in Marquette and other counties. Mr. Mangum is treasurer of the Chocoley Land Company which controls some 4500 acres, which company was organized in 1902 with Dr. E. H. Flynn as president and Carl Wittler, secretary. Mr. Mangum is also a director of the Northern Land Company, Limited. Some eight years ago, Mr. Mangum assisted in the organization of the Johnason Clothing & Shoe Company, which is now one of the prosperous business concerns of the city and which he has admirably managed.

Mr. Mangum has been a prominent, useful and popular citizen of Marquette, and served as mayor in 1901. On February 28, 1902, he was appointed postmaster of Marquette, by President Roosevelt, an appointment which met with general approval. Fraternally Mr. Mangum belongs to these organizations: Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, Knights of the Macabees, Ancient Order of United Workmen and Royal Arcanum. In religious faith he is a Catholic.



### HON. CHARLES KELSEY

HON. CHARLES KELSEY, who has been a prominent resident of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, since 1879, is judge of the Probate Court of Marquette County, and has ably discharged the duties of that office since October, 1897.

Judge Kelsey was born near Cleveland, in Portage County, Ohio, and was reared and educated in New York State. After completing a thorough academic education, he entered Hamilton College, from which he was graduated in 1860. He then entered upon the profession of teaching, following it in New York for a number of years. He served as principal of Wilson Collegiate Institute from 1860 to 1865, then moved to Detroit, Michigan, where he was principal of the Detroit Female Seminary for one year. Returning to New York State, he served as principal of Lewiston Academy for one year,

resigning his position finally because of poor health. He next engaged in the hardware business in Michigan for a period of three years, and in 1869 went to Aurora, New York, where he filled the position of principal of Cayuga Lake Academy for nine years. He located in Marquette County, Michigan, in August, 1879, and for nine years was superintendent of schools, serving most acceptably in that capacity. He subsequently engaged in the real estate and insurance business with much success, but disposed of his interests in 1898. He was appointed judge of the Probate Court of Marquette County in October, 1897, by Governor Pingree, and at each succeeding election has been the choice of the people for that office. He is a man of the highest principles, treating rich and poor alike, and has firmly established himself in the good will of the public. He is a well read man, thoroughly conversant with all current topics, and takes a deep interest in all affairs of interest to the people. He is a Republican in politics, and deeply interested in the party success.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey have two children, namely: Charles H. Kelsey, editor of the *Mining Gazette*, of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan; and Agnes, wife of Attorney W. S. Hill. Fraternally, our subject is a Mason, being a member of blue lodge and royal arch chapter. In religious views, he is a Presbyterian and is an elder of the church.

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### WILLIAM FISHER.

WILLIAM FISHER, justice of the peace and notary public at Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan, was born in 1854, at Lead Hill, Scotland, and is a son of James and Jane (Thompson) Fisher, also natives of Scotland.

The parents of our subject migrated to Canada when he was but six months old, and after a short time in Montreal removed to Bruce Mines, Algoma County, Ontario, Canada. In 1863 the family removed to Hancock, Michigan, and in 1876 the father was killed in the Quincy mine, aged 67 years. He was a practical miner and had followed the business all his life. The mother survived until June, 1900, dying at the age of 88. They reared a family of three sons and two daughters.





*J. D. Clark*

Mr. Fisher was reared and educated in Houghton County, supplemented with one year at Ypsilanti. At the age of 16 years he entered into business, embarking in the meat business with which he continued to be associated until he was elected justice of the peace in April, 1896. In 1900 he was re-elected and has proven a very competent official. Mr. Fisher located in Calumet in 1888, having spent 11 years with one employer and seven years at Marquette. He engaged in business for seven years in Calumet, for a time being connected with a collection agency.

Mr. Fisher married Mary A. Jeffery, who was born in England, although the greater part of her life has been spent in Hancock, Michigan. They have a family of three sons and three daughters, as follows: James Edward, clerk for the Calumet & Arizona Mining Company; Clara E., a student in the Chicago School of Music; Chester Arthur, a student, who also acts as a clerk for his father; and Thomas Jeffery, Lucy Blanche and Bertha Marie, who are at school.

Mr. Fisher has always been prominently identified with the Republican party. Fraternally he is a member of the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and the Elks.



### HON. FREDERICK O. CLARK.

HON. FREDERICK O. CLARK, who has attained a high degree of prominence as a lawyer and business man, is a resident of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, where he has resided many years. Mr. Clark was born in Girard, Erie County, Pennsylvania, December 18, 1843, and is a son of John B. and Charlotte M. (Woodruff) Clark, and a grandson of Major Clark, of Vermont, who removed to Ohio when the state was first settled.

John B. Clark was a native of Vermont, and later resided in Erie County, Pennsylvania, where he manufactured leather and harness. He was married to Charlotte M. Woodruff, a native of Connecticut, and a lineal descendant of John Alden of historic fame, who came over in the "Mayflower." Her father was Rev. Ephraim T. Woodruff, who was a Congregational minister



first in his native state, Connecticut, and subsequently in the Western Reserve, Ohio, where both of the grandfathers of our subject died.

Frederick O. Clark passed his boyhood at work in his father's tannery and in school, and applied himself with such diligence as to acquire a liberal academic education. It was his purpose to pursue a classical course, and was carefully prepared to enter the sophomore class in Hamilton College, when failing health necessitated a change of plans. In 1862, at the age of 19 years, he located in the Lake Superior region of Michigan, and in the capacity of a civil engineer assisted in locating and constructing the Chicago & North-Western Railway in the Northern Peninsula. Having inherited the literary and professional tastes of his mother's people, he decided to enter professional life, and prepared himself for the practice of law, being admitted to the bar in 1870. For the first five years he engaged in practice at Escanaba, Delta County, in the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, at the same time filling important official positions. In 1872 he was elected president of the village and in 1873 was prosecuting attorney for the county. In 1874 he was elected a member of the State Legislature, and served during the session of the following winter. In 1876 he moved to Marquette, Marquette County, which has since been his home. He has won a good reputation and high standing in his profession, and has built up and maintained a remunerative practice. Careful and thorough in study, well grounded in the principles of law, quick in perception and acute in discrimination, he sees immediately the salient points in a case. Fertile in resource, he is able to meet unexpected difficulties and attacks without embarrassment in the trial of a case. He is strong and effective in argument, and fluent and forcible as an advocate. He does not permit devotion to his profession to obscure his pride of citizenship or stifle his interest in education and good government. He has served as school inspector and supervisor, two terms as Mayor of Marquette, and for a number of years has been a member of the Board of Education. He has conscientiously devoted all the time required for a proper discharge of his official duties and has been faithful to every trust. He is a friend and patron of education and a supporter of all measures designed to promote the welfare of his community. Until recently he was president, and is now secretary, of the Electric Street Railway Company.

In 1877 Mr. Clark was married to Ellen J. Harlow, whose father, Amos Rodgers Harlow, was the founder of Marquette, and they have two children: Martha Bacon; and Harlow Alden, who is attending Oberlin College. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are both active members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he is both elder and trustee. He has been closely identified with the Northern Peninsula in its marvelous progress for 40 years, and its growth has been commensurate with that of the country. A portrait of Mr. Clark accompanies this sketch.



### MARTIN VOETSCH.

MARTIN VOETSCH, county clerk and register of deeds of Baraga County, Michigan, is a prominent citizen of L'Anse, where he was born March 25, 1872, and where he has resided the greater part of his life. He is a son of Martin and Ursula (Keifer) Voetsch, who were natives of Wurtemberg, Germany.

Martin Voetsch, Sr., father, was born March 4, 1825, and came to America in 1854, locating in the Lake Superior copper region when it was first opened up. He first settled at Eagle River and later at the Isle Royale mine, conducting a hotel at which the officers of the mines stopped. He later was located at different mines throughout the copper country, where he followed the hotel business, and for some years was in business at Houghton. There he followed the lumber business in addition to running his hotel and feed yard. He removed to L'Anse in 1871 and continued to reside there until his death, April 7, 1886, the last few years of his active life being devoted to lumbering. Mrs. Voetsch was born March 4, 1830, and is now living in peace and comfort at her home in L'Anse. Five children blessed their union, as follows: Philip, who is in the real estate business at L'Anse; Mary, William, Adele and Martin.

Martin Voetsch was reared in L'Anse and attended the local public schools, completing the course in 1886. He was then identified with the mercantile business for three years, and in 1889 went to Detroit, where he com-

pleted a commercial course in Detroit University. In 1891 he returned to the Northern Peninsula and entered the employ of Jeremiah Arn as clerk at a quarry at Messner, near Jacobsville, Michigan. After one year he returned to Detroit and engaged as bookkeeper for Smith & McDonald, contractors and builders, for nearly two years, after which he was in the employ of the Noller Real Estate Agency. He was later in the real estate business for himself until May, 1895, when he returned to L'Anse. In 1896 he was elected village clerk and served efficiently until March 1, 1903. He was also town clerk during 1897, 1898 and 1899. In 1900 he engaged in the business of buying and selling cedar posts, poles and all cedar materials, and in 1901 was employed by the Detroit Construction Company as timber purchasing agent for the Grand Rapids and Howling districts. In the fall of 1901 Mr. Voetsch returned to L'Anse and established a well paying business, handling all kinds of cedar materials. He was elected county clerk and register of deeds in the fall of 1902 for a term of two years, and has since capably discharged the duties of that office.

Mr. Voetsch has always been a stalwart Republican, and is one of the most enthusiastic workers of the young members of the party in the Northern Peninsula. He has frequently attended State and congressional conventions, and is always active in the party work, at one time serving on the Republican County Committee. He is a young man of enterprise and public spirit, and enjoys the respect and unbounded confidence of his fellow citizens.

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### ELBRIDGE GERRY BROWN.

ELBRIDGE GERRY BROWN, who has had charge of the supply department of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company for the past 23 years, is a highly respected citizen of Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan. Mr. Brown was born in 1840 in Erie County, New York, and is a son of Manly and Betsy (Moulton) Brown, and a grandson of John Brown.

The Brown family came originally from Londonderry, in the North of

Ireland, to this country about 1717, locating in New Hampshire. John Brown, our subject's grandfather, served in the Revolutionary War, being a drummer in General Stark's regiment at the battle of Bunker Hill. He lived to reach the advanced age of 96 years.

Manly Brown, father of our subject, was born in Vermont in 1794, and in 1817 moved to New York State, where he was married. He was a Jeffersonian Democrat in politics and served in various official capacities, such as supervisor, township clerk and overseer of the poor. He was a sergeant in the War of 1812 in Major Wool's regiment, participating in the battle of Plattsburgh, and in the encounters of subsequent campaigns along the Canadian border. He died in 1879, at the age of 85 years. His wife died in 1891, aged 89 years. Our subject was the youngest of six brothers and one sister, of which number the following grew to maturity: Melancthon W., who served 18 months as lieutenant in a New York battery during the Civil War, resigned on account of ill health and worked for the New York Central Railroad until his death in 1877; Joseph Warren, who engaged mainly on public works in New York, Virginia and Kentucky, and died at his home in Chatham, Ontario, in 1892; Henry C., who also engaged on public works at different places, and is now a resident of Harvard, Nebraska; Mary, who is the wife of Philip Watts, who was born in Suffolk, England, and is now a prominent and prosperous farmer with his home in Buffalo, New York; and Elbridge Gerry.

After completing a course of study in the public schools, Elbridge G. Brown attended Geneseo and Wyoming Seminary for one and a half years. When the Civil War broke out, he enlisted in Company F, 50th Regiment, New York Volunteer Engineers, his first engagement being at Fredericksburg. He was with the Army of the Potomac in all its campaigns thereafter, and although his health was impaired, served nearly three years, up to the surrender of Lee at Appomattox Court House. He then returned to New York and soon after was employed in the money department of the Adams Express Company at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he continued for six years. In 1874 he came to the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, and for six years was located at Hancock, Houghton County, in charge of the yard of the Sturgeon River Lumber Company. Since 1880 he has had charge of the

supply department of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company, and has rendered that company faithful and efficient service.

In 1869 Mr. Brown was married at Cleveland, Ohio, to Elizabeth Lombard, who was born at Ascutneyville, Windsor County, Vermont, and was a daughter of Nahum and Elizabeth (Tuel) Lombard, a sister being the wife of O. W. Robinson of Chassell, Houghton County, who was formerly Lieutenant Governor of Michigan. Mrs. Brown died in 1889, leaving no children. Mr. Brown was again married at Calumet in 1893, to Julia A. Watkins, who was born at Lapeer, Lapeer County, Michigan, and is a daughter of John J. Watkins, who died in August, 1902, at the age of 81 years.

John J. Watkins was a merchant in early life, later taking up the profession of civil engineering. When the Civil War opened, he closed out his mercantile business and followed the real estate business for some years, being an extensive property owner in Lapeer County. When the Oklahoma land was opened for settlement, he took a claim near Guthrie and spent the remainder of his days there. While in Michigan he was prominent in politics. He was one of the seven who formed the Republican party in Lapeer County, and was one of the founders of the Republican press of that county. He was nominated as fusion candidate, by the Greenback and Democratic parties, for member of Congress and later for the State Legislature. He was a presidential elector, voting for Hancock, when Garfield was elected. He was candidate for State Senator in 1878, and for Congressman from the Seventh Congressional District of Michigan in 1880. John J. Watkins' ancestors were of the earliest colonial times, dating back to 1620. His grandfather was a captain in the British Army when the British held New York. His grandmother was a Huguenot. Mr. Watkins was married in October, 1843, to Ann Eliza Scott, who was born June 17, 1818, of English parentage, and was reared in New York City. She died May 7, 1889. They had eight children: Joseph, deceased; Helen Louisa; Henry Clay, a farmer of Lapeer County, Michigan; Julia A., wife of our subject; Mary Jane, wife of A. G. Copeland, of Guthrie, Oklahoma; William Scott, of Minnesota; Alice Henrietta, a teacher in the Calumet schools; and John, who is in the supply department of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company at Calumet.

Mrs. Brown graduated at Lapeer High School, then took a course of lec-

tures at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. She taught school five years at Calumet before her marriage. She compiled a beautiful book for children, entitled "Our Children Among Poets," which was published by Laird & Lee, of Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Brown is a member of the Board of Education, and since June, 1897, has been a member of the board of control of the Michigan College of Mines at Houghton, his term expiring in June, 1903. Until it disbanded, he was a member of Reno Post, G. A. R., of Calumet, and held the chaplainship for a number of years. He has been a member of the board of trustees and treasurer of the Congregational Church, and is now a deacon. He is a Mason, has served as senior warden and treasurer of the blue lodge, was recorder of Montrose Commandery, K. T., of Calumet, some years, and is a member of the Mystic Shrine.



### J. B. SMITH.

J. B. SMITH, one of the pioneer citizens of L'Anse, Baraga County, Michigan, is a prominent merchant of that place. He is a man of exceptional ability and is well known to the people throughout the county. He was born in Algonac, St. Clair County, Michigan, October 19, 1845, and is a son of Abram and Fidelia (Burt) Smith.

Our subject is of the ninth generation from John Smith, who arrived in Milford, Connecticut, in 1643. He joined the Presbyterian Society upon its organization and lived in Milford until his death in 1684. The line of descent from this early ancestor to J. B. Smith follows: (2) John Smith, who was born August 27, 1646, and died in 1732. He married Phoebe Campbell. (3) Thomas C., who was born March 17, 1677, and died September 15, 1743. He married Hannah Camp. (4) Jabez Smith, who was born November 29, 1705, and died December 1, 1785. He married Ruth Seymour, and was the first of the family to move from Milford. (5) Abraham, who was born at Salem, New York, June 9, 1733, and died in March, 1784. His wife was

Mary Baxter. He served in the Revolutionary War, was wounded at Ridgefield (where Governor Wooster was killed) and returned home to die. (6) Abram, who was born in 1754, and died September 5, 1826. He served as a lieutenant in Samuel Drake's regiment during the Revolutionary War. (7) John Keyzar Smith, who was born in North Salem, New York, November 29, 1785, and when a young man went to Barton, Vermont. He became a lawyer by profession and practiced at Pottsdam, New York, until the War of 1812 began. He enlisted and saw hard service, participating in the battle of Plattsburgh and other notable struggles. During the war he went with the army to Detroit, Michigan, serving as quartermaster, and after the close of the war started a pottery, in which he employed a discharged soldier who had followed this trade in Philadelphia. He was called upon to fill numerous offices of trust and did the writing for the country around. The Indians, by whom he was known as the "Big Captain," often came miles for him to settle disputes with them. In 1816 he settled in Algonac, St. Clair County, Michigan, and at different times served as customs house officer, postmaster, justice of the peace, and judge of the Probate Court. He married Katherine MacDonald, by whom he had 10 children, of whom Abram was the oldest. He died April 14, 1855, and his wife died August 22, 1881. (8) Abram Smith was born at Algonac, Michigan, in 1818, and has spent his entire life there, being at the present time 85 years of age. He has always followed merchandising and lumbering, in which lines he achieved signal success. He was appointed a lieutenant in the State militia by the Governor, and was at one time a member of the State Legislature, representing neither party exclusively but his constituents as a whole. He also held numerous local offices, among them that of postmaster, during the war. He married Fidelia Burt, who is deceased, and they had five children, as follows: J. B., subject of this sketch; Cornelia, wife of George Seaman, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; John A., of Algonac, Michigan; Ella M. (Moore), of Algonac, Michigan; and Angus MacDonald.

J. B. Smith was educated in the common schools of his native town, where he remained until 1870, and then came to the Northern Peninsula of Michigan. He located in L'Anse, Baraga County, where he erected the first building of the town on the site of his present store. He engaged in the mercantile business, which he has followed almost continuously since. In 1893

he engaged in lumbering, building a large mill known as the "World's Fair Mill." It had a daily capacity of 100,000 feet of lumber, and gave employment to a force of 200 men. The mill was burned May 9, 1896, together with the docks, lumber and the store building, in fact most of the town burned. He rebuilt the store in 1903, and has since carried on a general merchandise business in a very successful manner.

In 1872 Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Elizabeth Harris, who was born in England, being one year old when she accompanied her parents, William and Mary Ann (Hitchings) Harris, to this country. They located in Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, where Mr. Harris engaged in merchandising until his death in 1885, aged 59 years. Mrs. Harris died in 1891, aged 66 years. Our subject and his wife became the parents of five children, namely: William A., deceased; Mary Fidelia, deceased; William Burt, of Calumet, Michigan; Samuel Russell, a mining engineer at Ely, Minnesota; and Harris Gibbons, who is at home. Mr. Smith has served a number of terms as supervisor, and has been school treasurer and member of the School Board. Fraternally he is a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of the Maccabees, and Knights of Pythias.



### WILLIAM PREBE.

WILLIAM PREBE, one of the excellent farmers of Chocolay township, his farm being near Greengarden, Marquette county, Michigan, is a native of a land which has given the state of Michigan many honest men and good citizens. Mr. Prebe was born in Germany in 1837, and there obtained his education and some knowledge of farming. In 1868 he came to America and made his way immediately to the city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where so many of his countrymen had grown affluent and prominent.

Mr. Prebe remained six months in Milwaukee and then removed to the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, locating in the neighborhood of Marquette. For three years he worked for a mining company, but his ambitions were in



the direction of farming, work in the beautiful, fertile fields presenting more attractions to him than labor in the mines. Mr. Prebe was fortunate in securing a very fine tract of 160 acres of land. This he has cultivated and improved until it is justly regarded one of the best farms in the locality, while his handsome residence is one of the finest in Chocolay township. Mr. Prebe has been very successful in raising stock for dairy purposes. He is surrounded not only with comfort but with luxury and has the proud satisfaction of knowing that his own industry has been rewarded.

After an absence from Germany of 15 years, Mr. Prebe returned to the fatherland on a visit, and while there married a most estimable lady, Johanna Below. Accompanied by his wife he came back to his home in America three months later. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Prebe, namely: Annie, Minnie, Martha and William. In politics Mr. Prebe takes an intelligent interest and votes the Republican ticket. He is very highly esteemed in his locality, not only as a successful farmer but an honest and upright man.



### MARTIN SWEDER.

MARTIN SWEDER, proprietor of the Lake Side Iron Works and an inventor of much mining machinery, has been a resident of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, for the past 17 years, and has become identified with many important business organizations of the locality. Mr. Sweder was born in 1863 in Northern Sweden and came to the United States in 1886. He is a son of Theodore and Matilda (Strong) Sweder, the former of whom, aged about 60 years, is a fine mechanic and foreman in charge of a large curtain factory. The latter was born in 1840 at Beckefors, North Sweden, and is a daughter of Anders and Catherine Stong. Her father was the only hammersmith connected with the factory in which he worked, having learned the trade of a traveling Englishman. Our subject has one brother, Omar, who is also a machinist and works under his father in the factory at Gothenburg, Sweden.

Our subject's four sisters are: Matilda and Atavia, both married in Sweden; Aurora, who is living at home in Sweden; and Charlotte, who is married. His brother Andrew, a merchant by occupation, died in 1897, aged 21 years. The whole family belong to the Lutheran Church.

Martin Sweder served his apprenticeship to his trade at Gothenburg in the Killars' marine engine manufactory and in that extensive establishment learned every detail of the building and operating of marine engines. He served 10 years in that city and spent four years under the Swedish flag as engineer, sent out from the shops as an expert operator, being on each boat six months during the summer seasons. These engines with which Mr. Sweder became so familiar were compound condensing engines. As mentioned above, Mr. Sweder came to the United States in 1886 and located in Marquette, entering the employ of the Iron Bay Manufacturing Company as a machinist, the plant then standing on the present location of the Lake Shore Engine Works. A few months later he came to the plant, of which he is now the proprietor, which was then owned by Mr. Taylor, who operated it some nine years. It was established 28 years ago by Coen & Beal, who had no modern machinery or very good buildings. This has all been changed under Mr. Sweder's excellent management and no plant in the vicinity has a fuller equipment of modern machinery and improved tools. He has conducted the Lake Side Iron Works for the past eight years and has made a success of his business. The work is repair work and experimenting along the lines of mining machinery, pumps, hoisters, iron and brass castings and engines, and he employs a large force of skilled workmen. At present Mr. Sweder is working on a new coupling, to be used on gasoline launches and steamboats, and for coupling line shafting, the idea being to obtain a reverse motion without gear. This has been twice patented and is known as the reversible friction clutch. Other patents on his many inventions include a horse-shoe manufacturing machine in 1893; a gasoline engine with open base which has many points of excellence over any other, this gasoline engine opening up an opportunity for extensive manufacture, for which he will probably form a company.

In 1886 Mr. Sweder married Annie Anderson, who died in 1898, leaving five children, viz: Matilda, aged 16, who has completed her school course; George, who is attending High School; Anna, Frank and Astor, who are also

in school. Strangely enough, the second Mrs. Sweder was also named Annie Anderson. Politically our subject is a Republican, and fraternally he belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and Knights of the Maccabees. He is a self made man and one who possesses more than the usual amount of genius in a mechanical direction. He has attained to business prominence and is regarded as one of the substantial, reliable and representative men of Marquette.

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### MYRON JOHN SHERWOOD.

MYRON JOHN SHERWOOD, a well known resident of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, was born April 11, 1860, at Mansfield, Tioga County, Pennsylvania. He is a son of John S. and Lucy Angeline (Ramsdell) Sherwood.

His early education was secured in the public schools of Sunbury, Pennsylvania, and of St. Louis, Missouri. In 1876 he entered the preparatory department of Bucknell College, at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, where he remained through his freshman and sophomore years, and four years later entered the junior year of Hamilton College, at Clinton, New York, where he was graduated in 1886, with the degree of A. B. Mr. Sherwood located at Marquette, Michigan, in August, 1887, and for some time was night editor of the *Mining Journal*. During 1891-92 he served also as principal of the High School. In the meantime he had been studying law, and was admitted to the bar in 1892. He immediately entered upon the practice of his profession at Marquette, from the very beginning meeting with fair success. During 1894-95 he served as city attorney of Marquette and is secretary and also attorney of the Taxpayers' Association of the city.

On September 6, 1897, Mr. Sherwood was united in marriage with Maud Benjamin Bedell, who is a daughter of the late Horace O. Bedell, a prominent contractor of Jackson, Michigan. Mrs. Sherwood was graduated from the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, in 1893, with the degree of A. B. Two sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood,—John B.

and Lee. Fraternally Mr. Sherwood is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and his college society of Delta Kappa Epsilon. In politics he is a Republican and has always taken a lively interest in public matters.

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### REV. ANTONIO MOLINARI.

REV. ANTONIO MOLINARI, pastor of Le Maria Church at Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan, was born in the province of Naples, Italy, and is a son of natives of that land, being one of four children born to his parents. His two sisters are both married and his one brother is a distinguished soldier in the Italian army, a graduate of a military college and a captain in rank, having seen 11 years of active service in Africa.

Father Molinari was educated in the Metropolitan Seminary at Naples, where he was ordained in 1892 by a special dispensation, not having reached the legal age prescribed by the church. He came then to America and spent three months at Detroit, Michigan, coming then to the diocese of Marquette and Sault Ste. Marie, and after serving several charges was assigned to Calumet. He found the church in Calumet laboring under a debt of \$7,000, and it was his first endeavor to have it paid. It was built in 1897 and dedicated by Bishop Vertin and is the first Italian church in the city, as Father Molinari is the first Italian priest permanently located there. His command of languages is remarkable, being fluent in the Italian, French, English and Spanish.

Father Molinari has had much to encourage him since locating in Calumet, in the ready response he has found to his efforts, both in and outside of his parish, to advance education and morality. He now has a large congregation, and in connection with the church he has a most prosperous society called the Daughters of Mary, dedicated to religious work. He is preparing to have a suitable parsonage erected adjacent to the church. In 1896 he spent a few months with his mother in Italy, and came back refreshed and

ready to continue in the work which has shown such improvement since he took charge. He is respected and esteemed by all who know him, not only as a clergyman, but as an upright, Christian gentleman.



### ROBERT PETERS.

ROBERT PETERS, who now conducts a prosperous fire insurance business at Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, comes of an old English family which formerly spelled the name without the final "s." Mr. Peters was born in the parish of Brentor, Devonshire, England, June 27, 1850, and is a son of Robert and Mary (Powell) Peters, both natives of Devonshire. Our subject's parents reared a family of 11 children, namely: Mrs. Ann Legessick, of Plymouth, England; Thomas, of Canada; John, deceased; Mrs. Emma Raymond, a widow, residing at Plymouth, England; Mrs. Valentina Mashford, of Brentor, Devonshire; Mrs. Rebecca Nash, deceased; Margaret; Henry, living on the old homestead in England; Robert, the subject of this sketch; and Mrs. Blowey and Richard, both residents of Plymouth, England.

Until the age of 16 years Robert Peters worked on his father's farm and for four years attended a private school. He was then apprenticed to the drapery business at Tavistock, England, and during his stay there he attended night school, but finally returned home, where he remained until he attained the age of 21. He then concluded to emigrate to the Dominion of Canada, and sailed from Plymouth on a ship bound for Quebec, and arrived at that port August 1, 1871. He worked as a farmer in the vicinity of Bowmanville, Durham County, Ontario, Canada, until 1873, and then proceeded to Marquette, Michigan, in search of more congenial work. In various occupations he passed two years and then became a sailor on the lakes. Mr. Peters followed the water for 13 years, during seven years of this period being part owner of a vessel; in all this time he had but one accident, that being the breaking of a rudder post. Attacked by that foe of sailors,

rheumatism, he was obliged to give up his life on the water, and therefore sold his interest in the tug "City of Marquette," settled in the city and with F. W. Hathway embarked in a meat business. The partners were brothers-in-law, and together they conducted a very prosperous business for 14 years, Mr. Peters then retiring and buying the fire insurance business of Sidney Adam. From November, 1896, to 1901, Mr. Peters resided at Munising, Michigan, where he served two terms as village treasurer and built the first frame building in the place. Since then he has been a resident of Marquette, where he is highly esteemed.

In 1888 Mr. Peters married Elizabeth Treloar, who was born in Ontario, Canada, and is a daughter of Thomas and Katherine Treloar, of Cornwall, England. They have a family of three children, namely: Valentine, a student in the Normal School; William R., who is attending High School; and Robert T., a pupil in the graded school. In politics Mr. Peters is a Republican. Although no office seeker, he takes the interest of a good citizen in all public matters. Fraternally he belongs to the Masons, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Ancient Order of United Workmen.



#### REV. JOHN BUZZA WHITFORD.

REV. JOHN BUZZA WHITFORD, a prominent clergyman of the Methodist Church, a man of letters, learning and eloquence, a favorite lecturer and experienced editor, has been the pastor of the church at Lake Linden, Houghton County, Michigan, since the autumn of 1899. Mr. Whitford was born at Carharrack, Cornwall, England, October 28, 1856, and is a son of the late William and Jane (Buzza) Whitford, both of whom were also born in Cornwall.

William Whitford, who was a miner by occupation, came to the United States in 1865 to follow his vocation. This he did for some time in Ontonagon County, Michigan, and then removed to the State of Maine, later returning to England, where he died in 1891, aged 72 years. He was a member of

the Wesleyan Church, as was also his wife, who died in 1878, at the age of 56 years. She was a very superior woman, devoted to her church, family and home. Mr. Whitford was an accomplished musician, and this combination of character and talent gave their children superior mental advantages, which became apparent in all their lives. These children were: Mary Jane, the wife of Rev. Stephen Whitford, of Bowesmont, North Dakota; John Buzza, of this sketch; William, an official stenographer for several medical associations in Chicago and official reporter for prominent medical journals; and Eliza Ann, the widow of John Mitchell, now living in Cornwall.

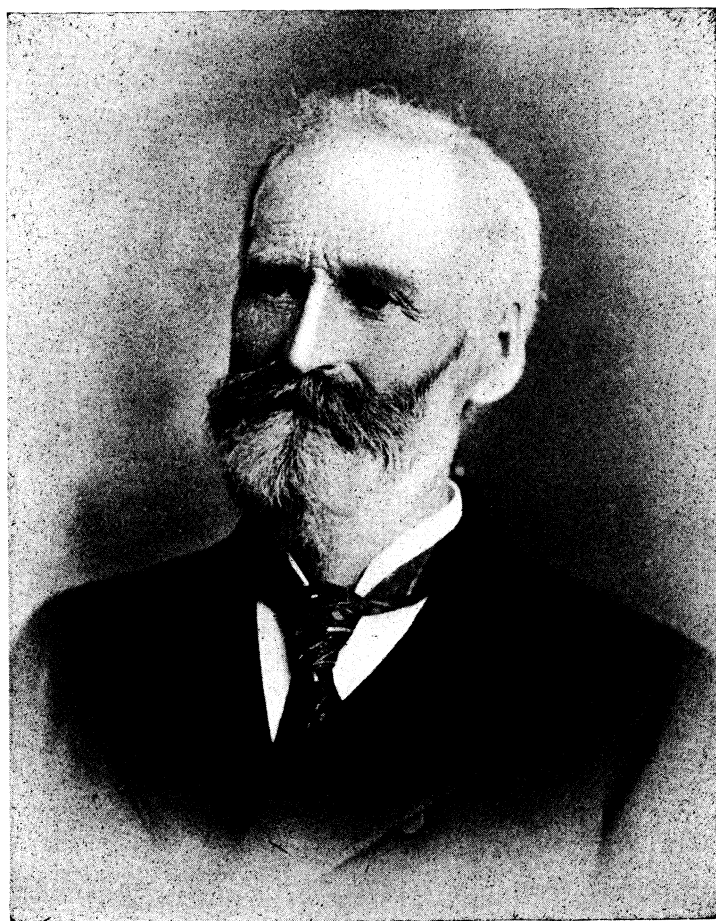
Rev. Mr. Whitford attended both common and private schools in Cornwall. While attending the latter he attracted the attention and fell under the influence of Canon Saltern Rogers, and under his supervision passed through a course of systematic instruction in theology and divinity. After coming to the United States in 1879 he took a four years' course in theology in California and at Helena, Montana, was ordained deacon, in 1884, by Bishop Kavanaugh. Rev. Mr. Whitford's labors in Montana had commenced in 1880, and he remained there until 1887, being ordained elder by Bishop John C. Granberry at Stevensville. In 1888 he came to Michigan, and in the following year joined the Detroit Conference. He remained five years at his first pastorate in the State, at Oxford, Oakland County, spent one year at Saginaw, four years at Cairo and in September, 1899, moved to Lake Linden, where he has continued ever since.

Rev. Mr. Whitford is not only a hard worker and vigorous preacher, but he is also a ready writer and is a valued contributor to *The Homiletic Review*, *The Preacher's Magazine*, *The Treasury* and *The Pulpit*, having contributed a sermon monthly to the last named journal for a number of years. He has made a diligent study of the Italian language and has given especial attention to Italian poetry. He is an authority on Italian history and literature and is recognized as an able exponent of the beauties of Dante. His three lectures covering the three sections of the "Divina Commedia," which have been delivered before college and literary societies, have called forth most flattering testimonials from men of letters.

On October 15, 1889, Rev. Mr. Whitford was united in marriage with







SAMUEL L. BARNEY.

Elizabeth Bowman, who was born in 1858, in Rochester, Oakland County, Michigan, and is a daughter of Stewart K. and Effie (Buttz) Bowman, both members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Whitford is a Republican in political sentiment and takes an intelligent man's interest in public affairs.



### SAMUEL L. BARNEY.

SAMUEL L. BARNEY, of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, whose portrait is herewith shown, is one of the pioneer settlers and is the only surviving white man who passed the memorable winter of 1847-48 at Marquette. He was born in the Wsetern Reserve, Lake County, Ohio, on August 6, 1829, and comes of Welsh and English ancestry. His father was Ariel N. Barney, who was born in Essex County, New York, and settled in Ohio about 1814.

Ariel N. Barney was an iron maker and engaged in that business in Ohio. He was attracted by the discovery of valuable ore land in the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, and arrived at what is now Marquette, July 7, 1847. The immediate reason of his coming was to build a forge for the manufacture of bloom iron, and, in association with his son, our subject, he built the first forge in the Northern Peninsula, and together they carried on the business for three years. Then Mr. Barney engaged in hotel keeping. He was a man of education and intelligence, and before the country was much settled and just after the organization of the county and township, he was of the greatest use to the community in intelligently filling various necessary offices. He died in 1876, in his 70th year.

Samuel L. Barney has been more or less associated with the various mining enterprises of the Northern Peninsula of Michigan for many years. He has also served in various official capacities, and for 13 years was keeper of the Marquette County Poor Farm.

In 1850 Mr. Barney was united in marriage with Annie Eliza Caldwell, who is a daughter of Abijah Caldwell, a farmer of Lake County, Ohio. A family of seven children have been born to them, as follows: Estella, born

May 14, 1851, who married David Campau, of Marquette, and they have had a family of 11 children, seven of these still surviving; Florence Amelia, who died at the age of 11 months; Albert N., born in 1857, who now resides in Montana, where he is engaged in farming; Emma, born in 1859, who married George Trethewey, engineer of the stamp mill at Beacon Hill, Houghton County, Michigan; Frank C., born in 1860, who died September 16, 1901; Don F., born in 1862, who is station agent at Chatham, Alger County, Michigan; and Charity, born August 11, 1864, who married James F. Todd, who died February 16, 1899.

In religious belief Mr. Barney is a Methodist, while Mrs. Barney is a Baptist.



### EDWIN C. THOMPSON.

EDWIN C. THOMPSON, superintendent of the schools of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, and one of the county's progressive and intelligent citizens, is a native of this State, of which he is one of the leading educators. In 1870 he graduated with honors from the Michigan State Normal College, and in 1884 received a life certificate from the State Board of Education.

In June, 1890, Mr. Thompson received a degree of M. Pd., only one of the many honors conferred upon him. Since the age of 19 Mr. Thompson has been identified with leading schools of the State, teaching at Dexter for three years; at Dowagiac for three years; at Albion for 10 years; at Saginaw for 13 years and has been superintendent of the Marquette schools for four years. He has served as president of the State Teachers' Association; president of the Association of City Superintendents; and president of the Michigan School Masters' Club for two years. He has declined many important positions, notably the office of superintendent of the School for Dependent Children, at Coldwater, Michigan, and an appointment by State Superintendent Fitch as manager of the Michigan educational exhibit at the World's Fair at Chicago, Illinois. He has become well known also as a

ready educational writer as well as speaker, and is the editor and publisher of a compact and useful little volume entitled "Morning Exercises for Public Schools." For many years he has been actively identified with the Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias and has passed all the chairs and has been a delegate to the Grand Lodge.

Mr. Thompson married Hattie P. Murdock, who was born in Dexter, Michigan. They have one attractive young daughter, Marjorie. Mr. Thompson is a man of travel and culture, having made trips abroad and possessing one of the fine libraries of the city. He is a valued contributor to educational journals and is always in demand as a lecturer. It is owing largely to his influence that the schools of the city are so well equipped with apparatus and improvements. His High School graduates are accepted at all the first class colleges of the country.

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### THOMAS WILLS.

THOMAS WILLS, a well known citizen of Calumet, Houghton County, a retired miner, represents the pioneer element of his section, his location in Houghton County dating to 1851. Mr. Wills has been identified with much of the mine development of the Northern Peninsula, and has also visited other ore producing localities, in the following of his profession.

Mr. Wills was born in England and was reared in the great mining region of Cornwall. There he began work, in the lowest capacity, at the age of 12 years, and by the time he was 22 years old he was a practical tin and copper miner. It was at that period that he came to this country, locating in Ontonagon County, Michigan, securing work at the Piscataqua mine, 15 miles from the Ontonagon Harbor, and 13 miles from Greenland, Michigan. In 1853 he was made foreman of the Tultic mine, where he continued some years, becoming mining captain there. He was later associated with the Caledonia and the Hastings mines. He spent one year in gold mining in California, and upon his return to Houghton County worked through the

various mines of the section in different capacities. He then made a visit to England, and in 1858 went to Melbourne, Australia, where he engaged in gold mining until 1864. He then returned to the copper district of Michigan, by way of England, went to work in the Minnesota mine at Ontonagon, then to the Indiana mine and back to the Minnesota, and then served as mine captain at the Hilton and the Adventure. From the latter Mr. Wills went to the Flint Steel mine as captain, and after these years of adventure and experience, in 1868, became captain of the Calumet & Hecla. For a period of more than 30 years Mr. Wills served as mining captain, and a history of his many experiences would read like a romance. He now resides quietly in Calumet, probably one of the best posted mine men in the section.

Mr. Wills is an active member of the various Masonic branches, belonging to the blue lodge, chapter, commandery, and temple of the Mystic Shrine. For 30 years he has been a Forester. He has visited lodges in foreign lands and has lived up to the demands of each organization.



### JOHN P. KERN.

JOHN P. KERN, secretary of the Board of Fire and Water Commissioners, and superintendent of the Water Works of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, was born in 1841 at Roseville, Michigan. He is a son of George Jacob and Mary (Long) Kern.

George Jacob Kern was born in Bavaria, Germany. His wife was born in France, and died on the homestead farm in Michigan, aged 78 years. They came to America in 1820 and located for a time at Detroit and then settled at Roseville, 11 miles out from the city, on the Gratiot Road, where Mr. Kern purchased a farm of 80 acres, on which he died in 1855. The surviving members of their family of 10 children are: John P.; Anthony, a farmer residing near Auburn, Michigan; Rev. Joseph, a presiding elder of the Methodist Church, at Detroit, Michigan; Elizabeth, wife of William Pultz,

of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Jacob, who is living on the homestead farm; and William, who also resides on the farm at Roseville, Michigan.

John P. Kern received his education in the schools of Roseville and at Baldwin University, a well known institution located within 14 miles of Cleveland, Ohio, where for 18 months he paid particular attention to mathematics. The succeeding three years were employed in the commission business at Detroit. In 1863 he located in Marquette, where for 17 years he was engaged in a commission business and in railroad work. On April 1, 1881, he was appointed to his present important position. He has shown his efficiency and has displayed much good judgment in regulating affairs in connection with the distribution of the water and the protection of the city from fire.

In 1872 Mr. Kern was married to Mary Isler, and their one son, John Frederick, born in 1873, is now manager of the Lake Shore Engine Works, at Marquette, being a young man of more than usual mechanical ability. The death of Mrs. Kern took place in 1876. In 1882 Mr. Kern was again married, to Margaret Nichols, who was born in Wallsell, England. They have two children,—Margaret, born in 1887, and Mary, born in 1893. In religious belief Mr. Kern is a Presbyterian. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.



### DONALD McDONALD.

DONALD McDONALD, one of the leading citizens of Negaunee, Marquette County, Michigan, who is the proprietor of a large mercantile establishment and whose name and public spirit is perpetuated in the McDonald Opera House there, which he built and owns, was born on the island of Uist, Invernessshire, Scotland, April 27, 1841, and at the age of eight years, after the death of his mother, accompanied his father to Woodstock, Ontario, Canada.

Mr. McDonald lived two years at Ingersoll, Canada, and went from

there to Williams township, Middlesex County, Ontario, where he attended school and lived to the age of 18. From 1859 to 1861 he worked in the lumber business at Port Austin, Huron County, Michigan, and from that place, on September 10, 1861, he enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Company H, 3rd Reg., Michigan Vol. Cav., under Captain Highwood and Colonel, afterward General, Granger. Mr. McDonald had many experiences of the trials and dangers of war, participating in many of the hardest fought battles and suffering sickness and imprisonment. Beginning with the battle of Island No. 10, his regiment took part in the fighting at Pittsburg Landing, Shiloh and Corinth. Mr. McDonald was taken prisoner near Corinth, and was sent to Tupelo Prison, thence to Jackson, Mississippi, and a month later to Helena, Arkansas, where he was exchanged. At this time he was so ill as to be placed in a hospital, where he remained for six weeks as a patient and four months as a detailed nurse, receiving his honorable discharge in February, 1863. Mr. McDonald has a fine record as a brave and faithful soldier in the service of his adopted country.

After a short time in Detroit, Michigan, Mr. McDonald returned to Williams township, Middlesex County, Ontario, where he attended school for a time, but was taken with chills and fever, which he hoped to cure by removing to the pure and bracing air of the Lake Superior region. Settling at Eagle Harbor, Keweenaw County, Michigan, he was there engaged for one year in getting out square timber for the Delaware Mining Company.

On September 6, 1865, Mr. McDonald was married to Catherine Monaghan, of Ireland, and then engaged in hotel keeping, operating, with the assistance of his capable wife, Kuntz's Hotel at Eagle Harbor for three years. In 1867 he opened up a boarding house at Negaunee, which he conducted three years, and in 1870 embarked in a grocery business. In this he was so successful that he soon enlarged it and branched out into carrying general merchandise and now operates the leading business of the kind in the town.

In 1883 Mr. McDonald erected the handsome building known as the McDonald Opera House, which has a seating capacity for 600 people. Mr. McDonald is a fine business man, possessing all those traits which contribute to success, and he has done much to assist in the development of Negaunee. He is widely known and has held many responsible township and city posi-

tions. He has been supervisor of his ward, was a trustee before the city received its charter and for five years was city treasurer. For three years he was school treasurer also, and for a time all the city and school money was entrusted to his honest guardianship. His fraternal association is with his old comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald have these children: John, of British Columbia; William, of Chicago, Illinois; Angus, of California; Donald and James who are living at home; Kitty, who is attending a Canadian college; Alice and Agnes, who are High School graduates; and Anna and Sarah, who are attending school.



### JOHN PENGLASE.

JOHN PENGLASE. One of the successful, self made men of Ishpeming, Marquette County, Michigan, is found in John Penglase, well known in the Northern Peninsula as the very efficient sheriff of Marquette County. He was born in Cornwall, England, and lost his father at the age of eight months. His mother removed to London and died there shortly after. In 1865 he accompanied a sister to the United States, and located in Keweenaw County, Michigan; thence he removed to Marquette County in 1870. This sister died some years since, at Iron Mountain, Michigan.

For a number of years Mr. Penglase was connected with the Cliff mine in Keweenaw County, during which time he made several trips as far west as Colorado, and in 1871 worked for a time at White Pine, in that State. He is one who has seen the most of the development of the Lake Superior region and recalls the time when the great Calumet & Hecla mine had never been imagined. He severed his connection with the Cliff mine in 1876. In 1899 he was elected sheriff of Marquette County and is now serving his second term.

In Ishpeming Mr. Penglase was married to Rosezena Oliver, a daughter of the late William Oliver, who was a resident of Marquette County many years, all of whose family are prominent mining men. The one sur-



viving son of this marriage is John, who resides at home. Mr. Penglase has always supported the Republican party, and cast his first presidential vote for Hayes and Wheeler. In his religious views he is a Methodist.

Mr. Penglase's career is very suggestive. A poor lad, orphaned and thrown upon his own resources, he has by sheer manliness and strength of character surmounted many difficulties.

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### SCOTT W. SHAULL.

SCOTT W. SHAULL, one of the prominent attorneys of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, who has gained reputation by his ability, was born in Liberty township, Seneca County, Ohio, July 26, 1864, and is a son of David L. and Catherine (Puffenburger) Shaull.

David L. Shaull was born near Alexandria, Virginia, and now resides in the vicinity of Charlotte, Michigan, which has been the family home since 1866. During the Civil War he, with four of his brothers, took part, and he assisted in the capture of the raider, Morgan. Since then he has been engaged in farming in Michigan, and is now in his 73rd year. In politics he is a Democrat. His wife was born in Ohio, and is a daughter of George Puffenburger, who went from Virginia to Ohio at an early day. These parents reared a family of five sons and five daughters.

Our subject was educated in the public schools of Charlotte, Michigan, and then entered the law office of H. F. Pennington, where he studied for two years, and in 1885 was admitted to the bar, before Judge Justice Hooker, now Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. He opened an office at Charlotte, going into partnership with Edward Foote and, subsequently, with Horace S. Maynard. He served as city recorder and in 1892 was a candidate for prosecuting attorney, succeeding in cutting down a Republican majority of 1,200 to 62 votes. In the same year he located in Marquette and continued in practice for several years alone, soon making himself prominent on account of his successful handling of a number of important criminal cases.





JAMES T. HEALY.

In 1898 he assumed principal charge of the legal affairs of Edward N. Breitung and of a number of large corporations in the Northern Peninsula.

In 1887 Mr. Shaull was married to Anna R. Taylor, of Detroit, Michigan, and they have two children, namely: Daisy B. and Ethel Mae. Mrs. Shaull is an active member of the Methodist Church. In his earlier years Mr. Shaull was identified with the Democratic party, but since 1892 he has supported the Republican candidates and measures. He is justly regarded as one of the county's brilliant legal practitioners, and future honors for him may safely be predicted.



### JAMES T. HEALY.

JAMES T. HEALY, one of the most prominent real estate and insurance men of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, comes of a family which has been well known in Houghton County for more than 40 years. He was born at Calumet, Michigan, in 1876, and is a son of James and Maggie (Powers) Healy.

James Healy, father of our subject, was born in Detroit, Michigan, April 19, 1845, and was a son of Timothy and Mary Healy. In 1861 he came to the Lake Superior mining region, locating at Houghton, but subsequently removing to Keweenaw County. He resided there three years, then moved to Calumet, which continued his home for a period of 12 years. During that time he was commissioner of highways, deputy sheriff for eight years, and in 1880 was elected sheriff of the county. He moved to Houghton to enter upon the duties of the last named office and made that town his home until 1891, when he died, at the age of 46 years. He was a well known and respected citizen, and his loss was sadly mourned by the community. James Healy was married in Chicago, Illinois, October 2, 1875, to Maggie Powers, who was born in St. Johns, New Brunswick. The following children were born to them: James T., John, Mary, Leanore M., C. Walter and Annie. Mrs. Healy and all the members of the family are residing at Houghton.

James T. Healy was educated in the public schools of Houghton, and in November, 1889, moved to Calumet to represent the F. A. Douglass general insurance agency. He subsequently entered the service of Faucett Brothers, the largest real estate and insurance agents in the section, remaining with them until June, 1900. He then returned to Houghton and formed a partnership with Attorney L. L. Croze, under the firm name of Croze & Healy, which existed until September, 1901, when it was dissolved by mutual consent. Since that time Mr. Healy has been in business alone, maintaining a fine office in the Sheldon-Dee Building. He represents some 15 fire, accident and life insurance companies, and does probably the largest real estate business locally of anyone so engaged. He is a Democrat in politics and recently completed his second term as township treasurer. He is a wide awake and energetic young business man, and stands well in the community.

April 30, 1900, James T. Healy was united in marriage with Maude F. Boucher, of Keweenaw County, Michigan, a niece of Fred Bowden, who is a prominent business man of the county. To this union was born one son, James Charles, May 18, 1901. Fraternally our subject is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and Knights of the Maccabees. The Healy family are communicants of the Catholic Church.

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### CHARLES BAKER.

CHARLES BAKER, one of the leading and best known agriculturists of Chocoday township, Marquette County, Michigan, was born in Prussia, Germany, in 1839, and is a son of John Baker. Our subject's father was contracting carpenter and builder of Germany; his death took place since his son came to America to seek his fortune.

Charles Baker received a good, practical education in the educational institutions of Germany, where he married Dorothy Luploy. The happy, young married couple, after spending some months in the fatherland, came to America the year of their marriage to build up a home in a new country, where op-

portunities for advancement made all ambitious, and instilled into everyone the desire to succeed. Locating in Chocolay township, Marquette County, Michigan, near Harvey P. O., a small village a few miles out from Marquette, they engaged in agricultural operations very profitably. After having been a resident of that section for nine years, Mr. Baker purchased his present farm that now consists of 235 acres of fine farming land. Mr. Baker's only son and child is Arthur F., who was born in 1868 at Harvey. He is also engaged in farming and in the farm implement business. Arthur F. Baker married Rosa Keopp, a daughter of Martin Keopp, a farmer of Chocolay township, Marquette County, and has reared two children, namely: Bernhard Karl Ludwig, born July 4, 1893; and Albert Gustav Max, born August 23, 1897. Our subject and his family are members of the German Lutheran Church.



### EGBERT J. MAPES.

EGBERT J. MAPES, a prominent, practicing attorney of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, was born in Livingston County, Michigan, January 27, 1843, and is a son of Hiram and Minerva A. (Lemon) Mapes, both of whom were natives of New York. For a number of years Hiram Mapes was a large farmer in Genesee County, New York, and at a later date became interested extensively in real estate at East Saginaw, Michigan, and still later in pine lands and mills in Tuscola County, Michigan, whence he moved to Livingston County in the same State, and died there in 1884.

Egbert J. Mapes, who is the only child of his parents, was six years old when they removed to East Saginaw, Michigan. Later when the family removed to Tuscola County and at a still later period when return was made to Livingston County, the youth took advantage of the public schools, alternating with work on the farm. He also attended the State Normal School at Ypsilanti and then for a time engaged in teaching in country schools. After a preparatory course at Ann Arbor, he entered the University of Michigan in 1864, took a year's literary course and then entered the law school from

which he was graduated in 1868. He immediately settled at Marquette, Michigan, and has enjoyed a very fair share of the legal business in the city ever since. For several years he served as village attorney and for one term was prosecuting attorney. His ability and thorough knowledge of law and jurisprudence have been shown on many occasions and in Marquette he is considered a safe adviser and an eloquent advocate.

In 1866 Mr. Mapes was united in marriage with Lydia A. Smith, who was born in Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Mapes have one daughter, Ada M., a young lady at home. In political affiliation, Mr. Mapes is a Republican.



### CHARLES RETALLIC, JR.

CHARLES RETALLIC, JR., superintendent of the Light & Power Company of Marquette, Marquette county, Michigan, is one of the self made successful men who have done so much for the development of Marquette County along modern lines. Mr. Retallic is of English extraction, his birth occurring in Cornwall in 1865.

Charles Retallic, Sr., our subject's father, is also a native of Cornwall where he learned mining, a vocation he has followed in America, to which country he immigrated in 1871. After five years spent in New Jersey, he removed to Houghton County, Michigan, in 1876, and since that time has been connected with the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company. The mother of our subject, Catherine (Opie) Retallic is also a native of Cornwall. A family of seven children were born to these parents, namely: Charles, of this sketch; Nellie, who is the wife of E. J. Rule of Calumet and has two children,—Bert and Florence; Lucy, who married Richard Rickard, a photographer of Laurium, and has two children,—Dorothy and Hattie; Annie, who married Thomas Maslin, now a machinist at Great Falls, Montana; William, deceased; Harry, who married Minnie Latterel, a daughter of James Latterel, a lineman of Marquette, Michigan; and Gertrude, who is the wife of Jay Phillips of Calumet, Michigan.

Charles Retallic, Jr., was mainly reared in Houghton County and attended school until the age of 13 years, when his books were put aside in order that he might enter the mines and become a wage earner. He worked in the Calumet & Hecla mine until 1887 when he moved to Marquette and began the study of electrical engineering. He has become very proficient and for a number of years has been superintendent of the electric lighting concern at Marquette.

Mr. Retallic was married in 1886 to Mary Richards, who is a daughter of Nicholas and Grace Richards, the former of whom, a miner in the copper mines at Calumet, Michigan, died December 14, 1889. Our subject and wife have reared two daughters, Flora, born May 21, 1887; and Grace, born December 25, 1888. In religious belief Mr. Retallic is a Methodist. Fraternally, he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and is a Mason. He is well known through his locality and sustains the character of a skilled electrician as well as that of a first class citizen.



### ALBERT S. HEINEMANN.

ALBERT S. HEINEMANN, secretary of the Upper Peninsula Brewing Company, of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, is one of the city's best known citizens. He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in February, 1862, and is of German ancestry, his parents, Frederick and Dorothea (Schatte) Heinemann, having come to the United States from Hanover.

Frederick Heinemann came to America in 1845 and settled in Milwaukee, where he engaged in the cabinet-making business until he retired from activity. His wife was brought to America by her parents when but an infant a year old; she moved to Milwaukee in 1846, and became the wife of Frederick Heinemann in 1849. They are the parents of 12 children, their names being: Theodore and Edward, both deceased; an infant, deceased; Gustave and Bertha, twins, both deceased; Emily, who is the wife of Charles Meeske, of Marquette, Michigan; Albert S., of this sketch; William, deceased;



Augusta, who is the wife of Otto Meeske, of Muskegon, Michigan; Clara, who is the wife of Dr. Charles Lange, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Ida, who is the wife of Fred Breidster, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Frederick, who practices the profession of dentistry in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Albert S. Heinemann was educated in the Markham's Milwaukee Academy and Mayer's Commercial College, both of Milwaukee, graduating from the latter in the spring of 1878. Since then until the present time he has been interested in the brewery business, having been connected with the Upper Peninsula Brewing Company of Marquette for the past 24 years. Mr. Heinemann is social by nature and is a valued member of a number of fraternal orders, including the Elks, the Odd Fellows, the German Aid Society and the Sons of Hermann.



### REV. FREDERICK RICHTER.

REV. FREDERICK RICHTER, lately pastor of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church at Lake Linden, Houghton County, and at the present pastor of St. Mary's of the Sea Catholic Church of Atlantic Mine, Houghton County, was born in Germany in 1867, but has been a resident of the United States since 1889. He is a son of Henry and Agnes (Trenkamp) Richter, both of whom were born and died in Germany, where the former was engaged in farming. Both parents were pious and worthy members of the Catholic Church. The maternal grandfather of Father Richter was a member of the "Old Guard" and was with Napoleon at Moscow, and after that disastrous campaign tramped back to his home in the Grand Duchy of Oldenburg, Germany.

Father Richter is one of the five survivors of a family of eight children, and the only one that left Germany. His education was acquired in his native place, and his life was spent there until the age of 23, at that time coming to America and entering the Jesuit college at Cincinnati, Ohio. After five years there, he spent the succeeding four years at Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West, also of Cincinnati, and was then ordained priest at Marquette,

Michigan, June 15, 1901. He was assigned as assistant in St. Patrick's Church at Hancock, Michigan, and was then sent to the Assinins Indian mission of Baraga County, where he assisted the great Indian missionary, Father Terhorst, being present at the latter's death-bed. From there he went to Negaunee, and on December 4, 1901, entered upon his pastorate in the Holy Rosary Church at Lake Linden. Father Richter was much appreciated in that parish, and placed the churches and schools under his charge in a very flourishing condition. The church and rectory have a beautiful situation on a commanding site overlooking Portage Lake. The congregation of the Holy Rosary Church aggregates 100 families, and in the schools there are 150 children who are under the instructions of four Sisters of Notre Dame.

On July 23, 1903, Father Richter was obliged to terminate his very successful and pleasant labors at Lake Linden, being transferred to Atlantic Mine as pastor of St. Mary's of the Sea. He has a grand work before him among the mining towns of the vicinity, for the population is steadily increasing and the miners are very prosperous, making the community an excellent one for missionary efforts. It is expected of Father Richter that he will build up the St. Mary's of the Sea Church, which is three years old, and also organize a church in Painesdale, a new and booming town, and also build churches in the stamp mill towns of Red Ridge, Edgemere, Beacon Hill and Freda, beautifully located on the shore of Lake Superior about 10 miles west of Houghton and Hancock. Under his jurisdiction are the following towns: Atlantic Mine; Baltic; South Range, a new town in which a church will probably be needed in the near future; Trimountain; and Painesdale, all of which are mining towns that have sprung up during the last few years.



### HON. JOHN WESLEY STONE.

HON. JOHN WESLEY STONE, formerly member of the United States Congress from the State of Michigan, is now judge of the Twenty-fifth Judicial Circuit of Michigan, and resides in Marquette. He has long

been considered one of the most able lawyers of the State, where he has practiced or served on the bench almost continuously since 1862.

Judge Stone was born in Wadsworth, Ohio, July 18, 1838, and is a son of Rev. Chauncey Stone, and a grandson of Benjamin Stone, a Vermonter. His mother was a member of the Bird family, which settled in Vermont at an early date, having come to this country from England.

Judge Stone attended the district schools, and later the select school of Spencer, Ohio. When 16 years of age he began teaching at a salary of \$17 per month, and followed the profession until he reached the age of 21 years. In the spring of 1856 he went to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he worked on a farm during the summer months and taught school at Big Spring, Ottawa County, in the winter, receiving therefor the sum of \$25 per month. A few months later his parents and family moved to Michigan, locating on a piece of land in the forest near Dorr, Michigan. Our subject assisted in clearing the farm, but continued to teach school during the winters until 1859, when he began to prepare himself for the legal profession. He entered the office of Silas Stafford at Martin, Michigan, and was admitted to the bar before Judge Littlejohn at Allegan in 1862. Previous to this time, he served two years as clerk of Allegan County, and in 1862 was re-elected for a second term. He made good wages and was enabled to lay by a sum sufficient to clear up the indebtedness on the farm and to establish his parents in a comfortable home. In 1864 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Allegan County, and served in a most creditable manner until 1870. The next step in his advancement was as judge of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Michigan, to which office he was elected in 1873. Resigning his office in 1874, he went to Grand Rapids, where he practiced law in connection with the firm of Norris & Blair. The following year Mr. Norris retired, and the firm became Blair, Stone & Kingsley. In 1876 Judge Stone was nominated for Congress and was elected, representing his district in that body in a most able manner. In 1878 he was honored by a re-election to Congress and served out that term. Upon his return to Grand Rapids, he formed a partnership under the firm name of Taggart, Stone & Earle, a strong association of legal ability which commanded a large practice. During the administration of President Arthur, Judge Stone was appointed





G. MARTINI.

United States district attorney for Western Michigan, and was much of the time engaged in the Northern Peninsula. In 1887 he moved to Houghton where he practiced law until he was elected judge of the Twenty-fifth Judicial Circuit in 1890. He moved to Marquette in 1891, and has since resided there.

In 1861 Judge Stone was united in marriage with Delia M. Grover, a daughter of A. P. Grover, of Allegan, Michigan. Mrs. Stone died at Marquette, January 25, 1902. There are three daughters and one son. Two daughters live at home; Carrie M., who is the wife of Fred M. Champlin, of Grand Rapids, Michigan; and John G., who is associated in the practice of law with A. R. Gray at Houghton, Michigan.



### G. MARTINI.

G. MARTINI, a well known business man of Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, is an extensive wholesale dealer in wines and liquors. He was born in *Provincia Di Toscana Citta Di Lucca, Italy*, November 22, 1850, and comes of a very interesting Italian family, his ancestors having gone to that country centuries ago from Leon, France.

The father of our subject was a merchant in Italy and lived there until his death in 1872, being survived some years by his wife, who is now also deceased. They had four children, of whom our subject is the youngest. He has a brother, P. Martini, an Italian poet of San Jose, California, who enjoys a national reputation; he writes exclusively in his native language, and has done considerable newspaper work. One of the sisters is deceased, and the other resides *a Via Reggio, Italy*.

G. Martini was reared and educated in his native land and served in the Italian Army for nearly four years. In 1875 he came to America, and after remaining in New York a little while spent about one year in New England. Traveling west to Chicago, Illinois, he walked from that city to Houghton,

Michigan, carrying a scissors grinding machine. He then engaged in working at the Hecla mine for two years, after which he was made foreman, and served in that capacity for three years. He then engaged in the confectionery and fruit business in Calumet, under the firm name of "G. Martini & Little of Everything," and carried it on with success until he embarked in his present line of business, in 1899. He carries an extensive and well selected stock of wines, liquors, cordials and cigars. Among the brands of whiskey he handles are some whose merits he is himself pushing, namely: "Private Stock Maryland Rye," "Lake Superior Pure Rye" and the celebrated "Storm Rye."

When Mr. Martini first came to the mines of Michigan an interesting incident arose. He gave his name to the clerk, but the latter, being unable to spell it, christened him "Mike Murphy." He is still jokingly called "Big Mike" by his many friends. Mr. Martini has traveled all over the world, and before coming to America spent some time in Africa, worked on the Suez Canal, and also visited Russia and Turkey.

In 1881 G. Martini was united in marriage to Jane Jauck, a lady of German birth and ancestry, and they have a daughter, Ettie, wife of John Bandetini, who lives at the home of our subject. Mr. Martini served in the Village Council very ably, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.



### JOHN C. WILSON.

JOHN C. WILSON, assistant postmaster at Eagle Mills, Marquette County, efficiently fills a position of no small responsibility and ranks high among the business men of his vicinity. He was born at Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, March 15, 1869, and is a son of James T. and Margaret (Clark) Wilson.

James T. Wilson was born September 6, 1830, in the West of Ireland, where he spent his boyhood. In 1847 at the age of 17 he came to America and located in New York City, where he remained for some years, and where

he married Margaret Clark, also a resident of that metropolis. Upon moving to the Lake Superior copper region, he entered the Franklin copper mine as a miner, where he remained until he retired from work to enjoy the rest he so richly deserved. The last 20 years of his life were spent at ease. His death occurred October 18, 1898. In 1895, when 65 years of age he ran a race with his son, our subject, who was then 16 years of age; although his son won the race, it required all the energy he had to beat the energetic old gentleman.

Mrs. James T. Wilson, the mother of our subject, is still living at the age of 59 years, and resides at Laurium, Houghton County, Michigan. In the parental family there were four children besides the subject of this sketch, namely: James C., living at Laurium, Michigan, who is the manager of a livery stable of that town; Katherine J., who resides with her mother in Laurium, Michigan; and the youngest of the family, two children, who died in infancy.

John C. Wilson married Annie Clark, of Altmar, New York, a daughter of J. L. Clark, a farmer of Conestota, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have four children, namely: Irene, Bessie, Glen and Grace. Religiously our subject favors the Episcopal faith and is socially a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and politically a supporter of the tenets and principles of the Republican party.

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### WILLIAM SMITH.

WILLIAM SMITH, postmaster of the postoffice at Harvey, Chocolay township, Marquette County, Michigan, and town clerk of Chocolay township, is engaged in conducting a general merchandise store at Harvey, and is looked upon as one of the business citizens of his vicinity. His birth took place in Athens County, Ohio, in 1867, and he is a son of Thomas Smith, who died in Chocolay township, Marquette County, January 30, 1902, at



the age of 85 years. Thomas Smith, who was born in Scotland, came to the United States when 21 years of age; his occupation through life was principally that of a blacksmith; for a number of years before his death he was engaged in the farm implement business.

William Smith received his school education in Marquette County, Michigan, and for a number of years worked now and then at the blacksmith's trade. In 1902 he engaged in the general mercantile business at Harvey, Chocolay township, where his progressive business ideas brought him prominently before the citizens. On April 6, 1903, he was elected town clerk of Chocolay township, and on May 7, 1903, he was appointed postmaster of the Harvey postoffice.

Mr. Smith was married in 1890 to Edna White, daughter of J. N. White, of New York. They have reared four children, namely: Clarence, born October 23, 1893; Aaron, born February 11, 1896; William, born June 2, 1899; and Margaret, born November 23, 1901. Our subject's religious views lead to the Presbyterian Church and politically he is a Republican.

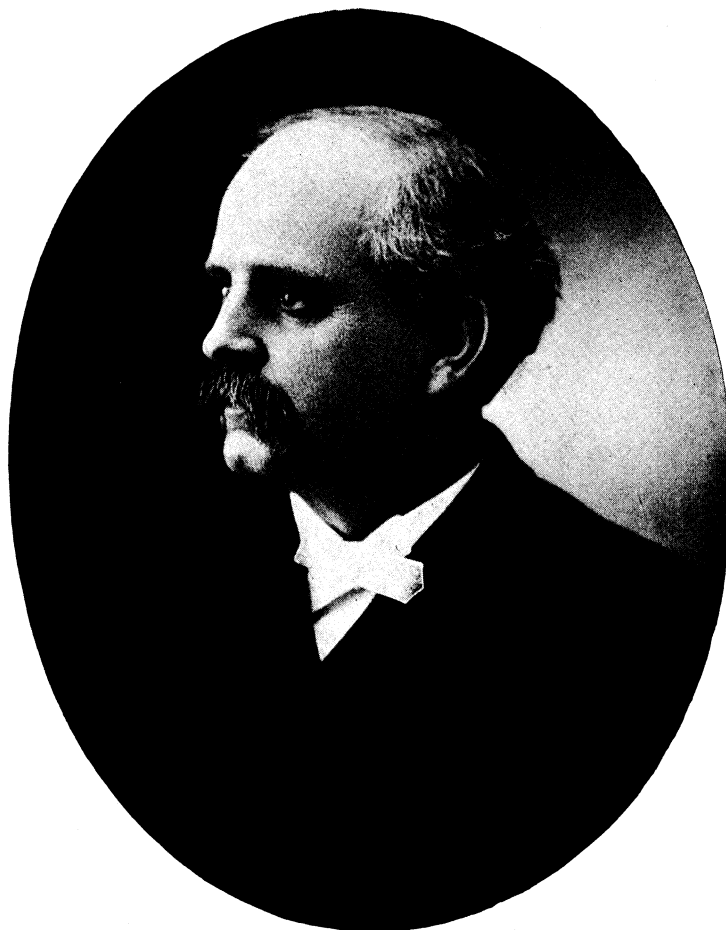
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### JOHN LYONS.

JOHN LYONS, a well known and substantial farmer of Covington, Michigan, and supervisor of Covington township, Baraga County, was born in Byron, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, in 1851, and is a son of John Lyons, who was born in Ireland and became one of the very early settlers of the Badger State, locating in Wisconsin in 1848. Both our subject's parents died there aged about 73 years. The family comprised four children, the two survivors being our subject and a sister, who is a resident of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Mr. Lyons was reared and educated in Wisconsin, and remained with his father until about the age of 30. Then he located in Marquette County, Michigan, to engage in lumbering, and remained for three years in the vicinity of Metropolitan, Dickinson County. Since locating at Covington, Mr. Lyons has been variously engaged, continuing his lumbering and also following farming





HENRY WALLACE CAKE.

and contracting. He is one of the leading Democrats of his locality and has held a number of the town and county offices. During three terms he served as deputy sheriff and is now serving his seventh term as a member of the board of county supervisors, having been first elected in 1893. He is very prominent in all important public business and is deeply interested in whatever promises to benefit Baraga County. For several years he was a very useful member of the School Board. When Mr. Lyons located at Covington there were but a half dozen settlers, and it is due more to his energy than any other that the place is in its present thriving condition. He has served as postmaster and has been identified with almost every progressive movement in the town. In the early days mail was brought from Sidnaw over paths, there being no roads when Mr. Lyons settled there, and all the supplies of every kind had to be packed over trails. He has witnessed the wonderful changes and has the satisfaction of knowing that he has done his full share in the present prosperity.



### HENRY WALLACE CAKE.

HENRY WALLACE CAKE, a prominent citizen of Lake Linden, Houghton County, Michigan, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, is superintendent of the Calumet & Hecla stamp mills, a position that he has held since May, 1903. Mr. Cake was born in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, in 1850, and is a son of Alexander and Sarah C. (Leib) Cake.

Alexander Cake was born in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, became a machine pattern maker by trade and followed that occupation until his death in 1887, at the age of 58 years. He bore an honorable record for service in the Union Army during the Civil War. He married Sarah C. Leib, who was born in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, and died in 1888. Religiously they were attendants of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mrs. Cake was a member from childhood. Ten children were born to bless their union, of whom our subject was the first born.

Henry W. Cake received his education in the common schools of his native town, and at the age of 13 years became helper in an iron foundry at a salary of \$2 per week. He next became a "devil" in a printing office, and when 15 years old became an apprentice in a machine shop in Pottsville, where he served three full years. He worked as machinist in a number of stationary engine and locomotive shops, and in 1887 took the position of track foreman in the Baldwin Locomotive Works at Philadelphia. He later accepted the position of assistant superintendent of the stamp mills of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company, was made acting superintendent in May, 1901, and superintendent two years later. He is now serving in that capacity and is rendering efficient service to the company. He has a thorough understanding of the business, keeps on good terms with the men under his supervision, and is highly esteemed by all with whom he is brought in contact.

In November, 1895, Mr. Cake was joined in marriage with Mabelle E. Bennallack, who was born in Cornwall, England, August 4, 1873, and is a daughter of John and Mary Bennallack. They have three children, as follows: Wallace Ellwood; Laura Aline; and Esther Leone. Religiously they are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Cake is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and belongs to the Miscowanbik Club of Calumet, Michigan. In politics he is independent.



### EDGAR H. TOWAR.

EDGAR H. TOWAR, who is one of the most prominent men of finance in the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, is president of the Marquette National Bank, of which he was the principal promoter upon its organization in October, 1901. This bank is one of the soundest institutions of the kind in Northern Michigan, having back of it the brains and capital of the leading men of Marquette and vicinity. Its officers are Edgar H. Towar, president; F. W. Read, vice-president; and F. J. Jennison, cashier. The directorate includes such substantial men as: John M. Longyear (the multi-million-

aire mine owner of the Upper Peninsula), Dan. H. Ball, Edgar H. Towar, Walter Fitch, F. H. Begole, W. G. Mather, F. W. Read, D. W. Powell and F. J. Jennison. It has a capital stock of \$100,000 and does a general banking business.

Mr. Towar was born at Lyons, New York, in 1840, and is a son of George W. Towar, who was at one time extensively engaged in the lumber business at Saginaw, Michigan, and was for many years a resident of Detroit. The grandfather of our subject came to this country from Scotland, and his maternal ancestors came from England. Edgar H. Towar has a brother who is prominent in the business circles of Detroit. Our subject removed with his parents to Michigan at an early day, and there received his education, receiving private instruction and attending the public schools. He entered the office of Bull & Trowbridge, Detroit, as a law student in 1860 and was admitted to the bar in 1862. The natural disorganization of business incident to the war led Mr. Towar to abandon the law temporarily and connect himself with the army. He accepted a position in the pay department under Col. Joshua Howard at Detroit, and was afterward ordered to Cincinnati, Ohio.

At the close of the war Edgar H. Towar entered the First National Bank of Cincinnati as corresponding clerk; with which institution he remained seven years, thus acquiring a familiarity with the business. He moved to Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, in 1872, and started a private bank under the style of E. H. Towar & Company, and two years later organized the First National Bank of Hancock, acting as cashier and manager until 1889, when he moved to Marquette, Michigan. He purchased considerable stock in the First National Bank of Marquette, and for a number of years served as vice-president and active manager of that concern. He is at the present time a director and stockholder of the Superior Trust Company of Hancock, Michigan. He has been interested in various manufacturing interests, and figures largely in several land and development companies, with large timber holdings. He is a very prosperous business man, and is reckoned one of the substantial and valued citizens of Marquette.

Mr. Towar was joined in marriage with Isabella Cardell, a daughter of Dr. Cardell, of Detroit, Michigan, by whom he has two daughters: Isa-

bella M. and Margaret. Soon after locating at Marquette, Mr. Towar built the magnificent home he now occupies, which is located on the lake, with beautiful terrace extending down to the water. In politics he has always been a Republican, and while he is earnest in his convictions of Republicanism, he has not identified himself with the party as an officeholder. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and in religious attachment, an Episcopalian.

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### B. W. WRIGHT.

B. W. WRIGHT, deputy county treasurer of Marquette County, Michigan, is one of the best known men of Marquette County, with an acquaintance extending generally over the Northern Peninsula, where he has lived,—chiefly in Marquette,—for the past 47 years. Since 1882 he has served almost continuously in the county treasurer's office, either as county treasurer himself or as deputy.

Mr. Wright was born July 14, 1838, at Plympton, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, and received a High School education in the Bay State. He came to this region from Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1855, locating first in Ontonagon County but removing a year later to Marquette County. His first employment was had in the Sault Ste. Marie Canal Company's land office, at Ontonagon, and later he worked with that company for some years at Marquette. He was with the Northern Iron Company for some years, and was also engaged in mercantile business at Ishpeming, Marquette County. In 1882 he entered the county treasurer's office as deputy, and was later elected as county treasurer, in which office he served over four years. He served as treasurer again from 1892 to 1896. During the intervening and subsequent periods, he has acted as deputy. His services have been very valuable to the county on account of his long connection with the office, which has made him thoroughly familiar with all the details and intricacies of the work. He is most highly regarded as an upright and conscientious official and as a good citizen without reproach.







HON. PETER WHITE.

Mr. Wright has been twice married. Both of his companions were from Massachusetts. Of his seven children, five are residents of Marquette County. The record is as follows: W. M., who resides at Battle Creek, Michigan, where he is engaged with a food manufacturing concern; Herbert B., who is located in Yellowstone Park, as a member of a government engineering corps; Mrs. Sarah Bilkey, of Ishpeming; Edith M., who is attending Marquette Normal School; Bertha, a graduate of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, who is principal of the High School at Republic, Michigan; Morgan H., who is attending Armour Institute at Chicago, and fitting himself for the profession of mining engineer; and Katherine, who is attending the public schools of Ishpeming, where the family resides.

Mr. Wright is a Republican by convictions and long association with the party. He has served in a number of offices outside of the one where he is now, having been township supervisor, mayor of Ishpeming and member of the School Board, being secretary for some time of the last named. He is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Ishpeming and is known as a faithful attendant of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Wright would not be a thorough-going business man of the Northern Peninsula if he were without connection with some mining company. The Baraga Iron Company was organized some 10 or 12 years ago, and Mr. Wright has been with this company since its organization, as secretary and treasurer.



### HON. PETER WHITE.

HON. PETER WHITE. Compared to the older movements in the progress of the world's history, there has been an element of the magical in the development of the Lake Superior region, and while much of it may be explained on the ground that this section of the United States has been most wonderfully favored by Nature, the fact remains that it has been hastened by the energies of certain individuals, and this brings us to the subject of this sketch, Hon. Peter White, of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan.

In a commercial sense, this region is but little over 50 years old, and thus its development comes within the life of Mr. White, and his achievements in connection with it give his career a magnificent setting. He may justly be styled the Patriarch of the county and city of Marquette, as well as of the Northern Peninsula. While it is with pleasure, it is also with a feeling of insufficiency that the biographer makes an attempt to outline a career which has been so full of adventure, of importance and of history.

Peter White was born at Rome, Oneida County, New York, October 31, 1830, in which town he remained nine years. His parents then removed to Green Bay, Wisconsin, where the youth attended school until the age of 15, when he left his books in order to join the great exodus to the copper regions. He reached Sault Ste. Marie just too late to secure passage on the steamer "Merchant," which ill-fated vessel sank with all on board that very trip. Soon after, by securing employment on the "Bela Hubbard," which was then plying between Detroit and Sault Ste. Marie, he was able to start in the direction of the goal of his desires. This unseaworthy vessel capsized off Thunder Bay Island and, although no one was drowned, the crew was considerably buffeted by the waves before they were taken on board the propeller "Chicago." It was when boarding this vessel that Peter had the misfortune to break his arm and by the time the boy reached Detroit and was able to consult a surgeon it was in such a state that the practitioner decided to amputate it immediately, and but for the intervention of a visiting surgeon, Dr. Zina Pitcher, our distinguished subject would probably have gone maimed through the rest of his life. Dr. Pitcher's skill soon reduced the swelling, put the member in splints and this strong left arm in after years has done its full share of the world's work. Just here a pause must be made to recall a characteristic incident of Mr. White. Some years later Dr. Zina Pitcher died and was borne to an unmarked grave. The Detroit papers, conscious of his greatness, suggested a public subscription to erect a monument, and one of the first and most generous subscribers was Peter White. However, his contribution from Marquette, owing to the uncertain mail service of those days, did not reach Detroit until the subscription account was closed, the entire needed amount having been raised in one day. When Mr. White's contribution arrived, a florist, noting the eloquence of the letter,

offered to plant flowers each succeeding year upon the grave, and to this purpose the money was pledged. One of the most-prized treasures in Mr. White's possession to-day is a photograph of this eminent physician.

Four months were required to knit up the tendons and cement the broken bones of his arm, but as soon as possible he entered the store of Freeman & Brothers on Jefferson avenue, and remained with that firm almost a year, leaving for Mackinac Island in the hope of securing a position at the government lighthouse. Although he did not secure the place, he obtained summer employment with Captain Canfield, and in the winter time he obtained a clerkship in the store of Edward Kanter, with the much valued privilege of attending school. This is a portion of his life to which Mr. White reverts with the greatest pleasure. Just about this time Robert J. Graveraet appeared upon the island in search of men to develop the iron mines of Lake Superior, and, following the advice of those who had become interested in the plucky young man, our subject, at the age of 18 years, offered his services to Mr. Graveraet and was thus introduced to his life work. Local history tells of the tempestuous voyage through storm, ice, famine and partial mutiny, of the worthless little "Tecumseh" before she finally reached the "Soo." There the few belongings were transferred to a Mackinaw boat and eight days later the little party reached Indian Town, now known as Marquette. It was on the succeeding up-hill climb of 12 miles that Peter White made the reply when assistance was offered him, that has been typical of his subsequent life. He was young and slight and the packs were heavy and the way wearisome; compassion induced Mr. Graveraet to suggest that he should relieve the younger man, but Mr. White answered quickly, "I will carry my own pack, sir," something which he has done ever since. The long, weary tramp ended at the Cleveland mine, then known as "Moody's Location."

For the first month Mr. White was engaged in clearing brush, denuding the fields of ore of Nature's covering and exposing the great mineral wealth which has turned the eyes of the world in the direction of the Northern Peninsula of Michigan. Peter White cleared off brush just as he did everything else, perseveringly and industriously, and when he was through there could be no doubt that he had been busy at that point. On June 10, 1849, this work was temporarily suspended and Peter accompanied the rest of the

party to the lake shore to welcome the coming of Amos R. Harlow and a party of mechanics from Worcester, Massachusetts, who brought with them machinery to set up and operate a forge. In the excitement of additional numbers, capital and conveniences, the same thought inspired each hardy pioneer. A city should be built on these shores and doubtless visions not unlike present realization filled the mind of our subject as he cried out, "Let me fell the first tree." Peter White cut this tree at a point of rock on what is now Lake street, and immediately after all had seized axes and had attacked the virgin forest. After the cargo of the little steamer was unloaded, James Kelley, a carpenter from Boston, selected Peter White as his assistant and they quickly erected in the great woods a log residence which they facetiously named the Revere House, after the then most fashionable hotel of Boston. This building stood and retained its name as late as 1860.

Although thus far Mr. White had had no mechanical instruction, the exigencies of the time brought out unknown inherent faculties, and he accomplished the filling of the first steam boiler ever set up in the Peninsula, and moreover he was installed as fireman and engineer. He only left this place in order to enter the machine shop to perfect himself in what he had discovered to be a natural leaning. Prior to this, however, he had shown rare ability, courage and judgment under very grave circumstances. In August, when the little steamer "Fur Trader" came in, crowded with German, Irish and French mine workers, it was discovered that it brought cholera with it. Dr. Rogers, the physician of the party, was called upon to minister to the supposed cholera patients, and soon discovered that the disease was ship and typhoid fever; but ere long he was a victim himself. In the rude building which had been hastily constructed to serve as a hospital, the sick physician summoned the one who seemed, in the sturdiness of his strength and the reliability of his character, to be available upon almost every occasion, and informed him that he must take his place in the hospital. Mr. White cheerfully acquiesced and, following the advice of his friend, Mrs. Wheelock, bathed the patients continually in cold water. The physician received his cold baths with the others, very often protesting in his delirium and trying to give advice. When the light of reason returned, with gratitude he said:

"Peter, you have saved us all, but if you could have understood me, you would probably have killed us all."

As the days went by, this brawny youth grew not only in strength and stature, but in the estimation of all who knew him. His education had been elementary, but by this time he was able to converse in several languages and was able to meet each individual on his own ground. With Graveraet he conversed in French and German and with the Chippewas in their own language. A month proved sufficient for him to acquire any Indian dialect and this faculty in itself made Peter White a very valuable addition to any party. That his superior qualifications were recognized by the business men with whom he was associated, was shown in 1850 when the forge of the Marquette Iron Company went into commission, and Mr. Long of the company approached Mr. White with the offer of the management of the company's store. He accepted the offer and asked only \$24 a month, when he discovered later that his services were valued at \$45.

As in all new localities, the question of mail delivery became a burning one in these regions, and it became a public necessity to establish a mail service during the winter. A council was called in the Marquette Iron Company's store to consider the question and subscriptions were given to the amount of \$1,000, and Mr. Harlow was instructed to find a carrier. This hazardous job was undertaken by Peter White. He secured two Indians to accompany him and with hundreds of letters in his charge and with the necessary provisions he started off. The mail was taken to L'Anse, where other carriers were met, a primitive station being established by him in the woods. On the second trip he secured the use of a sled and team of dogs, but as they became almost unmanageable when in the proximity of wolves, their assistance was at times doubtful. The mail was securely strapped to the sled and Peter traveled alongside it on snow-shoes. He made nine of these trips, covering 100 miles to L'Anse, and they furnish the basis for many of the songs and stories which still appear in current literature. The comfortable sum promised for this weary and difficult undertaking never came into Mr. White's possession because of the failure of the two companies that had agreed to pay it. This seems scarcely possible, but it is a fact. However, Mr. White gained physical strength and many experiences which

served to add to the equipment of a man, who, at the age of 73, out-walks out-works and out-thinks nine-tenths of his fellow citizens.

In the summer of 1851 dull times fell upon the mining region and he took advantage of the general stagnation to go on a fishing tour. When he returned from this expedition, he found that the county of Marquette had been organized and, most wonderful and amazing, that he had been elected county clerk and register of deeds. Although he protested that on account of being still under age, the position should be given to an older person, he was overruled by the very convincing argument that the law required that an officer should be able to read and write and that, unfortunately, the majority of the party were thus disqualified. Mr. White then acquiesced, let his long, black beard grow, in order to look more mature and dignified, and he most capably and efficiently performed the duties assigned him. By virtue of his election he was a member of the School Board, of which he was elected treasurer, and he has filled that office continuously ever since, a period of more than 50 years. The selection of Mr. White to the office of county clerk was a very small recognition of the services he had rendered the county.

In 1851 Mr. White, much to his own surprise, was appointed postmaster at Carp River, which name was subsequently changed to Marquette through Mr. White's suggestion to the authorities at Washington. He continued postmaster for 12 years, continually becoming more and more closely identified with every interest and enterprise of the section. Local history is constantly filled with his name and nearly every industrial, educational or political movement in the succeeding years have owed much to his favor and interest, he being the founder, the fosterer and developer. He it was who wrote the first bill of lading of the first shipment of ore that ever left the Northern Peninsula, a matter of seven barrels, consigned to B. L. Webb, of Detroit, by the Marquette Iron Company. In 1853 this company went out of business and Dr. Morgan L. Hewitt moved his small family to Marquette, two events, if we may combine the two, which proved of great importance in the life of Mr. White. It was through the first that he became connected with the Cleveland Iron Company, and through the second he met the estimable lady who later became his wife. Among the property pur-

chased from the old Marquette Iron Company by the Cleveland Iron Company were 64 acres of land in Marquette, and in 1855 the company turned the management of this estate over to Peter White. This introduced our subject to the real estate business, in which he has continued ever since with marked success, and it also enabled him to begin banking in a small way, his means having hitherto been too limited to enable him to take advantage for his own benefit of opportunities which lay open on every side.

As Mr. White witnessed the rude civilization giving way to older customs and demands, his ambitions ran to meet changed conditions. He felt the need of mental training and a thorough knowledge of the law, hence his evenings were spent poring over law books by the light of candle and fireplace. His study resulted in his being admitted to practice before the United States Court, and later he became senior partner of the law firm of White & Maynard, of Marquette. After 10 years of active practice he surrendered the whole business to his partner. In 1857 he was elected to the State Legislature, and did yeoman work for his section during his term of office. In this year the United States Land Office was transferred from Sault Ste. Marie to Marquette, and Peter White was made register thereof, and as in the same year the city was made a port of entry he added to his duties those of collector of customs. After the outbreak of the Civil War Mr. White became secretary and treasurer of the Forest Iron Company. He organized a cavalry company to go to the front, being in close sympathy with the administration, but he had so long been a tower of strength to the people of Marquette that the citizens besought him to remain at home and guard their interests, claiming that a man of his responsibilities was more needed at the base of supplies than at the front.

In 1857 a settlement had grown up about the Jackson mine, and when it was suggested that a name be given it a council resulted in the selection of the Ojibwa name of Negaunee, signifying *First* or *Pioneer*. In the following year the citizens in the neighborhood of the Cleveland mine also desired a specific name, and as the matter was referred, like every other, to Peter White, he suggested another beautiful Ojibwa word, Ishpeming, meaning *Heaven*, and thus it remains to-day. To note, however, one-tenth of the occurrences in which the personality and preponderance of Peter



White appeared in all this section of the Lake Superior region would fill a volume with nothing else, and, as stated in the early lines of this article, only outlines can be given.

In 1863 Mr. White incorporated his bank into a national bank, calling it the First National Bank of Marquette, now one of the soundest institutions in the State. In the meantime, with other interests, Mr. White had become an iron merchant and, as his foresight had discovered, the close of the war left the demand for iron high. This demand he was able to meet by a repurchase of pig iron which he had disposed of during several previous years. Thus in the legitimate transactions of trade he became suddenly a capitalist, these transactions in iron laying the foundations of Mr. White's fortune.

As a side light on Mr. White's character, we may be permitted to refer to a well known incident. Upon an occasion Mr. White was requested by no less a person than Mr. Breckenridge, at that time a paroled officer of the Confederate government, to exchange some notes he possessed for gold. Willing at all times to oblige, even at the risk of personal inconvenience, Mr. White accompanied Mr. Breckenridge to the bank and called upon his teller to accommodate the visitor. It was Sunday, and the teller was a man who refused, from conscientious principles, to transact business on a day he believed to be sacred, and, at the risk of offending Mr. White, declined to open the vault. The next day he handed in his resignation to his rather annoyed employer, who, to his surprise, tore up the letter and replied: "I am not going to discharge you for sticking up to your principles." A little later, when the teller wanted to go into business for himself, Peter White gave him \$10,000 without security.

Mr. White had now become unmistakably the most prominent man in Marquette, but at the same time he was just the same faithful, persevering, thoroughgoing individual as was the boyish pioneer, only with faculties developed and enlarged. He loved Marquette, he had benefited it in so many ways, he took such pride in its growth and development and then, as ever since, he contributed largely to its improvement and contributed generously to its charities. When Marquette was incorporated he was nominated for its first mayor, but at this time he was defeated by 15 votes. Four years

later, while absent from the city, he was unanimously elected mayor, but by wire he declined the office, needing no such testimonial of public confidence. During the administration of his friend, Samuel P. Ely, as mayor, Mr. White made the administration of the former memorable by building a public library and dedicating it to the city, presenting also 10,000 volumes, which have been continually added to until the present time.

Mr. White made his first trip to Lansing to take his seat in the Legislature, on snowshoes, and 20 years later traversed the route by rail, to again do work for his section of the State. A number of prominent men desired to build a railway between St. Ignace and Marquette, and they turned to Peter White for help. The road was needed, was one which would bring capital and blessings to Marquette, and he worked for it, in fact assured it. His work in the upper House during the whole term was of the greatest benefit to his section, and if he had never been popular before, little doubt could be entertained as to the feelings with which he was regarded from that time, which as the years have gone has but increased.

On September 29, 1857, Mr. White was united in marriage with Ellie S. Hewitt, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Henry Safford. His only surviving child is a daughter, wife of George Shiras, now a member of Congress from Pennsylvania, who is a son of Justice Shiras of the United States Supreme Court. In 1885 he erected a memorial chapel adjoining St. Paul's Cathedral, in memory of his son Morgan,—a beautiful edifice of brown stone. By membership an Episcopalian, his creed is universal, and he has assisted in the establishment of every church in Marquette, and was mainly instrumental in the founding of St. Luke's Hospital. His life has been filled with enterprises, each one of which would have sufficed to set apart as successful any man of smaller mold.

Perhaps a fitting monument for Peter White is beautiful Presque Isle, now an extensive public park, the property, through his generosity, of the city of Marquette. It is an estate of 328 acres and lies a little west of the Marquette Harbor. Originally it was a lighthouse reserve of the United States government, but Peter White wished it turned into a public park for his beloved city. After many visits to Washington, personal expense and tireless endeavor, the bill was finally passed, not because the city of Marquette

needed it, but as a recognition of the public services of one who for 40 years had given of his best to his State. Mr. White most generously paid all the expenses of maintaining this pleasure ground for a period of five years, and he expended over \$60,000 in developing and improving it.

Later Mr. White became a member of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, and for some years has been its president. Under his management it has been transformed into a veritable paradise and not only attracts pleasure seekers of the North, but from every section of the Union. The quaint little village which welcomed Peter White when he went there in 1845 still remains, but modern life billows around it and it has grown cosmopolitan, but it still takes pride in its early settler and in a way claims him as its own.

A comprehensive review, as must be seen, of Mr. White's eventful life would include the main points of the history of the great, rich, intelligent and still developing Northern Peninsula of Michigan. Personally, in the management of all his vast enterprises, in all the honorable and responsible positions which he has held, Mr. White has retained the pleasant manner and genial comradeship which gave him precedence and won him friends among the Indian tribes and the early pioneers of the mining camps. Success and prominence worked no change in his character, and with him, a friend is a friend, no matter what may be the cut of his coat or his religious bias. Few men can tell a story more enjoyably and his reminiscences are more interesting than the wildest romances. A portrait of Mr. White is shown on a preceding page in connection with this outline sketch of his life.



#### HERMAN E. BITTNER.

HERMAN E. BITTNER, one of the successful merchants of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, is a dealer in groceries, hay, grain, feed, buggies, wagons, farm implements, machinery and shelf hardware, and has been engaged in this line for the past 10 years. For 12 years prior to that he

conducted a first class blacksmith shop. Mr. Bittner was born in Silesia, Germany, in 1857, and is a son of John and Anna Bittner, both of whom are deceased. He has one sister and one brother, the former being Mrs. E. Winkler, a widow, who resides in Marquette. The brother, Frank Bittner, is a successful farmer in Wisconsin. One brother, John Bittner, died at Marquette.

Mr. Bittner attended school in his native land until the age of 14 years and then served a three years' apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade, afterward working, according to the custom of the country, through numerous shops in order to gain all kinds of experience in the work. Mr. Bittner served in 68 shops and thus became a fine mechanic. However, conditions that then prevailed in the labor circles of his native land made him desire a wider field and better pay, and for a time he was undecided whether to go to Australia or to America. The claims of America proving the most desirable, he came hither in 1880. For a couple of weeks he stopped with his brother in Wisconsin and then went to work in a shop at Hayton, in that State. The next year he spent at a carriage manufactory at Oshkosh, and then proceeded on a visit to Marquette, Michigan. This proved a long visit, for it has extended to the present time. In Marquette Mr. Bittner found plenty of work and immediately entered the shop of Mr. Freeman, with whom he continued three years, and then rented the place, first for five years and then for five more.

In 1893 Mr. Bittner purchased the Wilkes corner property and erected the large store building which was partly destroyed by fire in December, 1902, but was immediately rebuilt. He first built the meat market and store and later erected the blacksmith shop which he opened and conducted for a number of years, but which is now rented to William Winter. This building is an ornament to the city, built of brick, three stories in height with dimensions of 50 by 140 feet. An elevator carries goods to the third floor, which is used for the storage and display of buggies. The building has two fire walls dividing it into three sections, and has an asbestos roof. He also owns another large warehouse, located between Fiske and Mather streets, 50 by 80 feet in dimensions. Mr. Bittner carries the largest line of extras and repairs for buggies and wagons and implements in the city, and is agent

for the Racine Wagon & Carriage Company, of Racine, Wisconsin, and for the Michigan Buggy Company, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and in addition handles a complete line of choice and staple groceries. Three horses and wagons are kept for delivery purposes.

In 1886 Mr. Bittner married Anna Youngbluth, who was born in Madison, Wisconsin, but who removed with her parents to Marquette in childhood. The children of this marriage were: Agnes, who died in 1893, aged six years; Edward, aged 14; Henry, aged 11; Mary, aged eight; Frances, aged six; Herman, aged four; and Fred, aged two years. The fine home is at No. 611 North Third street. In politics Mr. Bittner is an independent Republican. Fraternally he belongs to St. Peter's Society. The family are Catholics and attend St. Peter's Cathedral. Mr. Bittner is entirely a self-made man, and has reached success through hard work and honorable business methods. He is much esteemed and has a wide circle of sincere friends.



### FRED SMITH.

FRED SMITH, superintendent of the Wolverine and Mohawk mines, located near Calumet, Michigan, and one of the practical mine men of the copper country, was born in 1835 at Baden, Germany, where he was reared and received his education. In 1855 he came from his native land directly to the Lake Superior region of Michigan, locating first in Keweenaw County and later in Ontonagon County, where for some years he was engaged with the Minnesota Mining Company.

In 1868 Mr. Smith removed to Houghton and engaged in a mercantile business as bookkeeper for the Huron store and then went to Copper Falls, where he accepted a clerkship with the Copper Falls Mining Company. He located in 1876 at Allouez, where he filled the clerk's position for one year, and after that was agent of the Allouez Mining Company until the suspension of its operations in 1892. Three years ago he erected a fine modern residence at Wolverine, where he has since made his home.

Mr. Smith has the supervision of both the Mohawk and the Wolverine mines, the companies controlling them being the Wolverine Copper Mining Company and the Mohawk Mining Company, the officers for both being identical, viz.: John Stanton, president, and J. R. Stanton, secretary and treasurer. The Wolverine mine had been indifferently operated for some years, but was practically started under the present management in 1890, and now has about 350 employees. The Mohawk mine was started in the fall of 1898 and employs some 450 men. It is largely due to Mr. Smith's successful management that this property is in such a satisfactory condition, the output of the Wolverine being about 500 tons per month, and the Mohawk in the neighborhood of 400; it is expected that the output of the latter will be materially increased in the near future. The stamp mills of the companies are at Traverse Bay, both of them being erected in 1902, with about 1,000 tons capacity, which capacity may be increased by the Mohawk Mining Company in the near future. The ore from these mines is smelted at the Dollar Bay smelter. Few mines in the locality are now better equipped with modern machinery and appropriate shops, and very much of this development is due to the business acumen and energy of the superintendent. His whole time is devoted to the interests of the mines, and the results show that Mr. Smith is very evidently the right man in the right place.



### W. S. CLEAVES.

W. S. CLEAVES, president of the Portage Lake Foundry & Machinery Company, a thriving concern located at Ripley, across Portage Lake from Houghton, is one of the best known men of Houghton County, where he has spent a major portion of his life.

The business of which our subject is the head was established as early as 1859, under the name of the Portage Lake Manufacturing Company, composed of a party of Eastern men, from whom it passed into the hands of F. J. Masten. The latter conducted the business in a small way for some time,

and was succeeded about 1864 by Shelden, Wanzer & Cleaves, who continued the work under their firm name until the winter of 1877-78, during which period the plant was materially enlarged. It next passed into the hands of the Shelden estate, managed by Hon. Carlos D. Shelden. In the spring of 1884 it was purchased by S. E. Cleaves & Son, this firm being composed of our subject and his father. It continued under this firm name until 1896, being in the meantime about doubled in capacity and brought approximately to its present condition. In 1896 the Portage Lake Foundry & Machinery Company was organized and incorporated with the following officers: James H. Seager, president; F. A. Douglass, vice-president; William Condon, secretary and treasurer; and S. E. Cleaves, manager. The present officers of the company are: W. S. Cleaves, president; L. A. Cleaves, vice-president; George A. Royce, secretary; and L. M. Cleaves, treasurer. The plant at the present occupies a tract of 12 acres of land, about one-fourth of which is under roof, including the dwelling houses for employees. There are now about 83 men at work. A general foundry and machine business is done, manufacturing general mining and milling tools and doing repair work. They have a heavy local trade in the Lake Superior mining region, and also ship to Western States, as far west as Montana. Our subject devotes his entire attention to this enterprise, which is on a firm financial basis.

Stephen E. Cleaves, father of our subject, came to the Northern Peninsula in 1859, and located in Houghton County, where he died July 13, 1901, aged 74 years. He was born at Saco, Maine, and learned his trade in the machine shops at Lowell, Massachusetts, removing later and engaging with the Ames Manufacturing Company, with whom he remained until he removed to Houghton County, in 1859. He came for the purpose of installing the first "Ball" mill in this section, for the Franklin Mining Company, situated near the site of the present foundry. He continued in the employ of the Franklin Mining Company until he became identified with the Portage Lake Foundry, as before mentioned. He was a prominent figure in the business circles in Houghton County, and although not an office seeker was a man of strong political views. He was ardent in his support of Democratic principles until the insertion of the silver plank into the platform, when his belief in sound money induced him to support McKinley.

W. S. Cleaves came to this section, joined his father in Houghton County in the fall of 1860, being at the time but 10 years of age, and at an early day began active business life. He is a thoroughly practical foundryman, having been associated with the business, of which he is now the head, the greater portion of his life. He resides at Ripley, where the plant is located, but gets his mail at Hancock. Mr. Cleaves was joined in marriage with Letitia A. Ormsby, a native of New York, and they have one daughter, Lillian M. Religiously the family favor the Congregational Church.

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#### JACOB STEFFES.

JACOB STEFFES, a prominent citizen of Lake Linden, Houghton County Michigan, and a valued town official, was born in 1866 in Keweenaw County Michigan, and is a son of Adam and Barbara (Loubs) Steffes.

Adam Steffes was born in Germany, but died in Houghton County, Michigan, in 1887, aged 47 years. He came to the United States in the "fifties" and followed his profession of engineer in Keweenaw County until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he entered the service of his adopted country in 1861 as a private in the 16th Reg., Michigan Vol. Inf.; he served through the whole war and received an honorable discharge. He held a number of the local offices in the gift of the Democratic party in his county, and enjoyed the esteem of many friends. The mother of our subject was also born in Germany, and now resides at Lake Linden, Houghton County, aged 55 years. She is a devoted member of the Catholic Church, with which her husband was also connected. The children born to our subject's parents were six in number, as follows: Jacob; Lena, wife of Fred Kappler, of Lake Linden, Michigan; Anna; Margaret, wife of William Stutte, of Lake Linden, Michigan; Alydia; and Mary.

Jacob Steffes, after completing his public school course in Keweenaw County at the age of 15 years, began work in the Calumet & Hecla mills, where he continued eight years, and then engaged in clerking for some consid-



erable time. In 1892 he was first elected village clerk, re-election followed in 1900, and he is still capably filling the duties of this office. Continuously since 1897 he has held the office of justice of the peace, and since 1896 has been continued by his appreciative fellow citizens as chief of the fire department of Lake Linden. Mr. Steffes is also secretary of the water works board and collector of water taxes. All these offices are managed with efficiency and with an eye single to the public's good. Mr. Steffes enjoys the confidence and esteem of the whole community.

In 1895 Mr. Steffes married Cecelia Paulin, daughter of Henry and Anna Paulin, and a native of Keweenaw County, Michigan. Both our subject and wife belong to the Catholic Church. Fraternally he is associated with the Knights of the Maccabees and the Knights of Columbus. In politics he is a Democrat.



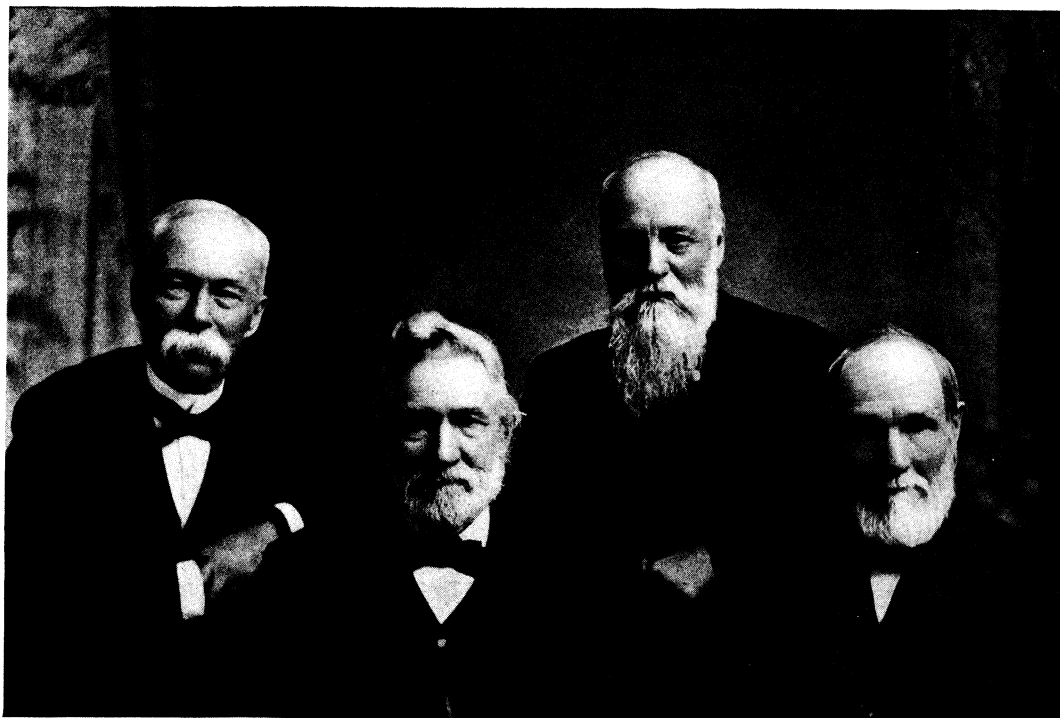
### OLIVER D. JONES.

OLIVER D. JONES, D. D. S., a prominent member of the dental profession, and one of the city fathers of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, was born in Hannibal, Oswego County, New York, in 1845, and is a son of James Jones, who was a native of and conducted a blacksmith establishment at Hannibal.

Dr. Jones attended the common schools of Hannibal, and the High School at Hudson, Michigan, to which place he went in 1860. He was graduated here and then took up the study of dentistry. Later he went to Philadelphia and there entered the Philadelphia Dental College in 1869, which he left with his degree and fully qualified for the practice of a profession in which he has gained success and prominence. Dr. Jones has always been a close student and has taken advantage, in his practice, of all the modern methods and appliances which he has found to be of substantial value.

In 1865 Dr. Jones was united in marriage with Sarah E. Kenyon, who was born in Bronx, New York, and is a daughter of James Kenyon, of that





LEANDER C. PALMER.

LORIN W. PALMER.

SAMUEL A. PALMER.

FRANCIS E. PALMER.

place. One daughter was born to this union, Lela, who is now the wife of Dr. R. W. Boyer, who is in partnership with Dr. Jones.

Dr. Jones has been established in Marquette and vicinity since 1878, and prior to that time resided and practiced for a period in Negaunee. He is prominently identified with the Republican party and takes an active interest in all civic affairs. He has been alderman of the Third Ward for the past six years, and is serving his third term at present, and is one of the city's leading and representative citizens.

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#### LEANDER C. PALMER.

LEANDER C. PALMER, a prominent citizen of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, an engineer and surveyor by profession, who is engaged in operating extensively in real estate, was born in West Millgrove, Wood County, Ohio, in 1834. He is a son of Samuel Stuart and Silenda (Chapin) Palmer and grandson of Vose Palmer, who was born in Connecticut, of English ancestry, his father having come to this country from England.

The father of Vose Palmer, at his death, which occurred some years before the Revolutionary War, left his farm to be carried on by his widow and three sons. It being required that one of the sons should serve in the patriot army during the struggle with Great Britain for independence, the family decided that Vose should become a soldier, as he was the youngest of the sons, and on account of his age, which was about 16 years, the services he could render on the farm were not of such value as the work that either of his two older brothers could perform. Because of his youth, he was taken as a waiter by one of the officers, who it is thought was General Gates. After the war he returned home to Stonington, Connecticut, and not many years afterward married a lady of the name of Stuart, who is said to have been connected with the royal Stuart house of Scotland. About 1796 or 1797 Vose Palmer, with his family, removed to the town of Plainfield, Otsego County, New York, where it is presumed that his death took place.

Samuel Stuart Palmer was born in Connecticut and was taken by his parents to the home they established in Otsego County, New York, being only an infant at the time. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and always followed the vocation of a farmer. He married Silenda Chapin, who was born on a neighboring farm in the adjoining county of Herkimer, New York, and is said to have had some Irish blood. After living for some years after his marriage on his father's farm in Otsego County, he removed with his family to the town of Henderson, Jefferson County, New York, where he engaged in farming for 10 years. In the fall of 1832 he removed to the vicinity of West Millgrove, Wood County, Ohio, and settled on a farm, which continued to be his home until the spring of 1857, when he became a resident of Minnesota Point (Duluth), Minnesota. Silenda (Chapin) Palmer, the mother of our subject, died while the family resided in Wood County, Ohio, September 1, 1841, at the age of 44 years. Eleven children were born to our subject's parents, as follows: Evaline L., deceased; Samuel A., a carpenter and joiner of Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan; Vose, Jotham C. and Harriet M., deceased; Francis E., a carpenter of Ishpeming, Marquette County, Michigan; Lorin W., a millwright of Duluth, Minnesota; Leander C., the subject of this sketch; Thaddeus and Theresa, deceased; and Alonzo S., who died from disease contracted as a soldier in the service of his country. A group picture of the four surviving sons of the family is shown on a preceding page. Samuel Stuart Palmer married a second time, Roxanna Fancher becoming his wife; the two children of this union are: Roswell H., engaged in a real estate business at Duluth, Minnesota; and Lester C., deceased. The death of our subject's father took place April 1, 1878, at Duluth, Minnesota, after an honored life of 83 years. In religious belief he was a Presbyterian. In his early political life he was a Whig, and later a Republican.

Leander C. Palmer's educational opportunities were confined to the common schools of Wood County, Ohio. After teaching school several winter terms, his curiosity and desire for a wider and more congenial field led him, in 1856, to make a trip to the Northern Peninsula of Michigan. For two years he worked at the head of Lake Superior on government surveys and then located in Marquette. Mr. Palmer's business has been in

the line of engineering and surveying, and exploring for mineral indications and timber. He has examined the entire land grant of what is now known as the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway. For the past 15 years he has been concerned in large real estate enterprises. He laid out the beautiful Palmer Addition to the city of Marquette, a tract which is now practically all built over.

Mr. Palmer has been interested in many of the successful enterprises of his locality, as well as being a leading factor in local affairs and in county politics. He is a Republican, and represented the Third Ward in the City Council of Marquette for seven terms. He is president of the Lake Superior Ice Company, and for three years was superintendent of the Bancroft furnace of the Bancroft Iron Company.

In 1866 Mr. Palmer was united in marriage with Emeline Huntoon, who was born in 1842, at Jackson, Jackson County, Michigan. They have two children: Edward Vose, who is an expert mineralogist and mining engineer, located at Denver, Colorado; and Arthur H., a merchant of Marquette, Michigan. The family belongs to the Baptist Church. Fraternally Mr. Palmer is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

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#### P. BRENNAN.

P. BRENNAN, a general merchant and prominent citizen of L'Anse, Baraga County, Michigan, was born in Ireland March 2, 1846, and is a son of John and Mary (Comerford) Brennan, both of whom were also natives of Ireland.

John Brennan came to America shortly after the death of his wife, which occurred when our subject was 10 years of age. His brother, James Brennan, had settled at Detroit, Michigan, in 1824, and started the first boiler shop in that city. James Brennan died at Detroit in 1866, five years after John Brennan joined him there, the latter's death occurring in the same year. Five members of the parental family of 10 children still survive, namely:

Mrs. Martin Kelsey, a widow, resides near Keweenaw Bay; Rev. B. F., who spent some 10 years in America, but is now a priest in Ireland; Mrs. B. McCauley, who lives near Keweenaw Bay; P., our subject; and Michael, a lawyer of Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Brennan of this sketch received his early education in the schools of his native country, and reached Detroit, Michigan, with his father in 1861. He embarked in a dry goods business with his brother in that city and continued there until July, 1870, when he removed to L'Anse, Baraga County. In 1872 he settled on his present site, but had previously operated a country store between Keweenaw Bay and Baraga, and was one of the earliest settlers and business men of what is now the very flourishing town of L'Anse. He carries a large and well selected stock of general merchandise and is justly considered one of the leading business men of the place.

Mr. Brennan was married September 7, 1876, at L'Anse, to Anna A. Brady, who is a daughter of John Brady, one of the earliest settlers of Ontonagon County, Michigan, locating there in 1852. Mr. Brady removed to L'Anse in 1871 and for several years conducted a store here. His death took place in 1898, at the age of 71 years. Mr. and Mrs. Brennan have a family of seven children, as follows: John E., who is foreman for the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Iron Company at L'Anse, Michigan; Agnes, Laura, Thomas C., Hubert, Leo and Berenice, all at home, the younger ones still being students. Mr. Brennan has most efficiently served as a member of the Council and at one time was township treasurer. He has also been a useful member of the Board of Education.



### F. HORACE DESJARDINS.

F. HORACE DESJARDINS, manager of the Desjardins Pharmacy at No. 417 North Third street, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, was born in Montreal, Canada, in 1866, and is a son of Dr. Joseph A. Desjardins, an eminent physician, both of Montreal, Canada, and Marquette, Michigan.

Dr. Joseph A. Desjardins was a graduate of the Victoria Medical College of Montreal, where he practiced medicine until 1872, when he removed to Marquette, where he died 22 years later, in 1894, at the age of 64 years. The mother of our subject, Clarissa (Chagnon) Desjardins, was a daughter of Fabian Chagnon, of Montreal, the latter being a colonel of a Canadian regiment at the time of the Rebellion of 1837. Mrs. Desjardins resides at Grand Rapids, Minnesota, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. C. Kiley.

Our subject is one of a family of 14 children, which included, besides the seven that passed away early in life, the following: Alfred, who graduated from the medical department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, in 1877, practiced many years at Negaunee and Ishpeming, and died in 1902; Clara, who married T. Coderre and at her death in 1889 left one child, Reine; Wilhelmina, who married Edward C. Kiley, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, who edits a newspaper in that city; F. Horace, our subject; Josephine, who married Edward Sullivan and lives at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, engaged in railroad business; Bertha, who resides with our subject; and Charles Arthur, who resides in Calumet, Michigan.

F. Horace Desjardins received his early education in Marquette and attended a private school after completing the High School course, and also took a course in pharmacy. In 1879 he entered the employ of Druggist H. H. Stafford, with whom he continued for 10 years, when he opened a drug store of his own and conducted it very prosperously until it was destroyed by fire in 1891. He immediately opened temporary quarters until the Nester Block was rebuilt, and then established the finest drug store that can be found in the Northern Peninsula. He continued in business there until 1895, one year later establishing himself at his present location, where he is doing a profitable business. Mr. Desjardins possesses the confidence of the public, on account of the personal attention he gives every detail, and he not only enjoys the best city trade, but many farmers come long distances to benefit by his advice and prescriptions. He has had numerous misfortunes, but has never lost heart and his energy and enterprise are reaping the natural reward.

Mr. Desjardins was married in 1891 to Rose M. Beanston, who is a daughter of Peter C. and Rosetta (Collins) Beanston, of Racine, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Beanston have reared four children, viz: Rosa M. (Mrs.



Desjardins), Elizabeth Mary, Nellie Louise and George Charles. They all live at Marquette, Michigan, Mr. Beanston being a machinist in the shops of the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway. Our subject and his wife have three children, namely: Ruth Eleanor, born June 13, 1892; Horace Alfred, born April 8, 1894; and Charles A., born June 2, 1902. The family belongs to the Catholic Church.

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### HAMPSON GREGORY.

HAMPSON GREGORY, a prominent business citizen of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, engaged as an architect and builder, was born in 1833 in Devonshire, England, and is a son of Thomas and Mary Gregory, both of whom were natives of England. The father was a mining captain there, an honest, industrious man, respected by all who knew him. Both parents were consistent members of the Established Church of England.

Our subject is one of a family of 11 children, one brother being also a resident of Marquette. As his father died when he was but four years old and his mother when he was but eight, his educational opportunities were very meager; indeed, Mr. Gregory asserts it to be a fact that the greater part of his very good education was secured after he was married. At the age of 12 years he was working in the mines, although his natural talents led him to make every effort to learn architecture. In 1860 he migrated to Canada and lived there eight years, working at the building trade. Since locating in Marquette he has become very prominent in his profession and has been kept busily engaged at it until some four years ago, when he made a visit to England, and has not been so active since. He erected a number of the most important buildings in Marquette, one of these being the handsome school building which was burned in the fire of 1898. He is the architect and builder of the First National Bank, the Harlow Block and others, and superintended the building of St. Peter's Cathedral and other structures of like importance. Mr. Gregory has accumulated a competency, owns a business

block and five residences, and in caring for his property finds his time sufficiently employed at present.

Mr. Gregory was about 21 years old when he married Dinah Sparrow, an English girl, and a family of seven children were born to them, the survivors being: Alma, wife of William Mies, a merchant of Duluth, Minnesota; Ellen, wife of E. E. McIntosh, a civil engineer of Marquette, Michigan; Clara, wife of Charles Merritt, a printer of Duluth, Minnesota; Mary, wife of William Ellison, of Marquette, Michigan, assistant paymaster of the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway; and Elsie, wife of Charles Brainerd, assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Marquette.

The political affiliation of Mr. Gregory is with the Republican party. For eight years he served as supervisor of his ward and he is classed among the prominent and public spirited citizens of Marquette. Frateranlly he is an Odd Fellow. The family belong to the Methodist Church.

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#### CYRILLE HOULE.

CYRILLE HOULE, mayor of the city of Negaunee, Marquette County, Michigan, serving his second term in this highest municipal position, is one of the city's leading citizens. He was born at Gentilly, Nicolet County, Province of Quebec, Canada, January 25, 1849, and is a son of Cyrille and Anastasia (Grindler) Houle, both natives of Canada, the former of French extraction and the latter of German. The father was a millwright by trade, and a number of mills of his construction are still in operation in Canada.

During our subject's youth the family removed to various localities, to Montreal when he was 10 years old, thence to the oil regions of Pennsylvania and arrived at Negaunee on November 25, 1868, being passengers on the last boat of the season. His education, although interrupted, was pursued at each place of residence. After removing to Negaunee he secured work with the Marquette, Houghton & Ontonagon Railroad, now the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway, later being made baggage master at Ishpeming.

About seven years later he returned to Negaunee and served the road three years as bill clerk, later was agent at Michigamme, Michigan, and then for two years was agent at Negaunee. He then became agent for the American Express Company and has served as such ever since.

Although a number of years of his life were employed in railroad work, Mr. Houle found time to identify himself with city and county political affairs, taking an active interest in the success of the Republican party. He was made recorder of the county and served with efficiency for one year; he has been a member of the School Board for 14 years and a school director for seven years. Mr. Houle is very popular in Negaunee, as is evidenced by his being elected for a second term as mayor of the city. His administration has been marked with many reforms which have been of a most beneficial public character.

Mayor Houle was united in marriage with Exilia L. Verville, who was born at Somerset, Canada. Both he and his wife are of the Catholic faith. Fraternally he belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Mr. Houle is a progressive citizen, liberal and broad minded in his views, a man of the highest political and personal integrity. The city of Negaunee is to be congratulated on having so intelligent, upright and responsible a man as its chief official.

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### O. G. YOUNGQUIST, M. D.

O. G. YOUNGQUIST, M. D. For the past 16 years Dr. Youngquist has been a prominent and esteemed resident of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, and has been in the active practice of his profession during all this time. He was born in Wayne County, Michigan, and later removed to Kent County. Until he was 16 years of age he remained on his father's farm. The latter died in 1901, aged 75 years, after a residence of some 40 years in Michigan, and is survived by his aged widow and by these children: O. E., a graduate of Rush Medical Collage, Chicago, Illinois, and now a physician and surgeon of Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan; H. A. and A., both resi-





*L. J. Kaufman*

dents of Sparta, Michigan; Mrs. Farnham, of Marquette, Michigan; Mrs. Misner, of Kent County, Michigan; O. G., our subject; and Myrta, who still remains with her mother on the old homestead.

Dr. Youngquist began the study of medicine while attending school at Lisbon, Michigan, and continued it while working in the drug store of C. E. and S. J. Koon of that city. After four years of application, in 1882 he entered Rush Medical College and completed the course with credit in 1885. After one year of practice in the vicinity of Sparta, he located at Marquette, Michigan, and now occupies very desirable offices at his residence, No. 204 West Ridge street. Thoroughly qualified by practice, experience and study, Dr. Youngquist engages in a general practice and has been very successful. He gives his whole attention to it at present, although prior to this he has been called upon to serve the city in various offices, having been the city's popular postmaster for four years,—from March, 1898, to 1902,—marine surgeon, examining physician for pensions and county physician.

Dr. Youngquist was united in marriage with Miss M. C. Johnason, who is a daughter of one of the old pioneer settlers of Marquette. They have one son, Lowell Lorimer, born at Marquette. The religious views of Dr. Youngquist make him an adherent of the Lutheran Church. Fraternally he is prominent in Masonry, being a Knight Templar and Shriner. He belongs also to the State and County Medical societies and to the American Medical Association.

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### LOUIS G. KAUFMAN.

LOUIS G. KAUFMAN, vice-president of the First National Bank of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, and one of the most prominent men of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, was born November 13, 1870, at Marquette. He is a son of Samuel and Juliet Kaufman, long highly respected residents of that city.

Although Mr. Kaufman has been called upon to fill many responsible and prominent positions, he is indebted to no higher educational advantages

than those provided by the common and high schools of his native city. After completing the higher curriculum he went into the employ of the Iron Bay Manufacturing Company as bookkeeper, and remained with that concern for two years. He then became associated with his father in the mercantile business and continued until the latter's retirement. Mr. Kaufman then entered the Marquette County Savings Bank in a humble capacity, and by persevering effort and general reliability worked from the bottom until he attained to all the important positions in the institution.

In 1896 Mr. Kaufman was made secretary of the Star West Mining Company, and in the following year he became general manager for that enterprise. In 1898 he was made general manager of the C. H. Call & Company Insurance Agency at Marquette, this agency including the general agency of the Equitable Life Assurance Society for Northern Michigan, with 22 branch agencies in the field. This position he felt compelled to resign in January, 1900, in order to assume the duties of second vice-president of the First National Bank of Marquette. Upon the retirement of Edgar H. Towar he was elected to fill the position of first vice-president, and the institution now enjoys his careful, conservative advice as such.

The First National Bank of Marquette was organized January 22, 1864, by Peter White and his associates, Robert Wilson, David Murray, Samuel B. Ely, Morgan L. Hewitt, Byron P. Robbins, Cicero B. Stevens, Ambrose Campbell and Timothy Hurley. Mr. White was the cashier for some years and has ever since been its president. The board of directors now consists of Peter White, N. M. Kaufman, S. R. Kaufman, L. G. Kaufman and Claude W. Case. Under the management of the bank, since Mr. Kaufman was elected vice-president, the deposits have increased almost a half million dollars, the total deposits being approximately \$1,350,000 in August, 1903. This institution has for the past two years been made a designated depository of the United States.

In addition to his connection with the First National Bank, Mr. Kaufman takes a prominent and directing part in other large enterprises. He is treasurer of the Marquette City & Presque Isle Street Railway; a director in the Manistique, Marquette & Northern Railroad; a director in the Traverse City and Leland Railroad; and a director in several large mining companies.

Mr. Kaufman has proven himself a man of great business sagacity and keeps in touch with the other great business men of the country, gaining and giving experience and strength. Considering his youth, for Mr. Kaufman has not reached even middle age, his prominence in the business and financial world is remarkable.

Mr. Kaufman was married on January 8, 1900, to Marie Julia Young, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, and is a daughter of Otto and Ann Elizabeth Young, her father being a leading capitalist of the western metropolis. Two children have been born to them, viz: Graveraet Young, born November 1, 1901; and Ann Elizabeth, born July 25, 1902. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman belong to Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, Chicago. Mr. Kaufman affiliates with the Republican party in politics. He has attained to high honors in the Masonic fraternity, being a Knight Templar and a Shriner.



#### HON. JAMES McMAHON.

HON. JAMES McMAHON, judge of the Probate Court of Baraga County, has been a resident of the town of Baraga since the time when it had but few houses and a population of not more than 50 people. He was born at Port Huron, Michigan, and is a son of Simon and Hannah (O'Rourke) McMahon.

Simon McMahon was born in Ireland and in 1847 came to America, accompanied by two brothers. He first located near Birmingham, Broome County, New York, then came west to Port Huron, Michigan, his brothers remaining in the East. He later removed to Midland County, where he lived on a farm until his death, from an attack of appendicitis, September 7, 1882, aged 56 years. His wife, who is also a native of Ireland, resides on the old homestead in Midland County, upon which they located in 1868.

James McMahon was reared and educated in Midland County, and at the age of 18 began making his own way in the world. He followed railroading for two years, a part of the time being locomotive fireman. He then engaged in lumbering and at the same time was scaler for the Saginaw Barrel Factory,



with which he remained for three years. In 1883 he came to the Northern Peninsula, locating at Baraga, where he engaged in lumbering and in the saloon business for many years. He dropped the saloon business in 1897, but continued at lumbering until 1901. In the fall of 1902 he was elected judge of the Probate Court, for a term of two years, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Edward L. Stone, and has since served most creditably in that capacity. He has also served as supervisor, treasurer, township clerk, village clerk, justice of the peace, and president and clerk of the Board of Education. He has always evinced a deep interest in politics, and is one of the most prominent Republicans in Baraga County. He usually attends State and county conventions. He has valuable real estate interests in the vicinity of Baraga, where he has his office.

Judge McMahon was united with Anna Auge of Dollar Bay, Houghton County, in the holy bond of matrimony December 17, 1886, and they have eight children: James, Thomas, William, Nellie, Frank, Charles, Elizabeth and Martha. Judge McMahon is a man of prominence and has many friends throughout this section of the State.



### SYLVESTER J. HOLLISTER.

SYLVESTER J. HOLLISTER, who has been foreman of the machine shops of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company at Lake Linden, Houghton County, Michigan, for the past 28 years, and who has a record of 33 years of faithful, loyal service, is one of the best known machinists of Houghton County, and is also an honored survivor of the Civil War. Mr. Hollister was born in Oakland County, Michigan, in June, 1842, and is a son of Milo and Loraine (Sylvester) Hollister, the former of whom was born in Vermont, and the latter in New York State. Our subject's mother now resides at Washington, D. C., aged 90 years. In spite of her advanced years, she is bright and companionable and a close Bible student. The family born to Milo Hollister and wife consisted of four sons and six daughters.





D. H. MERRITT.

Sylvester J. Hollister had very few educational advantages in his youth, passing the greater part of the time engaged in farm work. He made his way to the Lake Superior mining region while still a youth, and until he secured entrance into a machine shop engaged in various employments,—waited on tables in boarding houses, drove teams, worked on steamboats and turned his hand to any honest employment that seemed to come in his way. There was always something to be done on tug boats or in sawmills, and his natural leaning in the direction of machinery was thus cultivated. Prior to entering the shops of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company he served for three years in his country's service, enlisting in 1862 in the 23rd Reg., Michigan Vol. Inf. After his return from the army, in July, 1865, he engaged with T. J. Mastin to learn the machinist's trade, and in 1869 entered upon his long association with the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company, which has continued to the present day.

In 1867 Mr. Hollister was married to Catherine Ormsby, and they have a family of four children, namely: Ina L., Alice M., Kate M. and Gertrude. Mrs. Hollister is a consistent member of the Methodist Church. He has been a member of the Masonic fraternity for a long period, and is actively identified with the Republican party. Mr. Hollister is an example of what may be accomplished by one who has not even good educational advantages, if a life of industry and economy be followed. He has been a true and faithful employe, has lived up to all of his engagements with the company and now, after all these years, still finds himself secure in his position and held in high regard.



#### D. H. MERRITT.

D. H. MERRITT, one of the substantial and representative citizens of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, first came to the Northern Peninsula of Michigan in 1855, reaching Marquette on March 17th of that year. He came from Ravenna, Ohio, where he lived from the age of four to 16 years.

Daniel Merritt, our subject's father, came to the Northern Peninsula in the early "fifties," having contracted to build a dock at Eagle River for John Senter, and to build ore docks for the Cleveland Iron Company. He died at Marquette December 20, 1854, and the object of the son's first visit to the Northern Peninsula was to settle up his father's affairs.

Returning to Ohio, after a short stay in the mining region of Michigan, D. H. Merritt served an apprenticeship in the machine shops of the Cleveland & Pittsburg Railroad Company, at Cleveland. He left there in 1856 and was then associated with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway at Adrian, Michigan; the Cincinnati, Wilmington & Zanesville, now the Cincinnati & Muskingum Valley Railroad, and the Bellefontaine & Indiana Railroad, which is now a part of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway.

In the spring of 1858 Mr. Merritt returned to Marquette, with the intention of giving up railroading, but in the following July he began again, securing employment on the old Iron Mountain Railroad, which is now a part of the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway. He left this road in 1874, having been made general manager of its successor, the Marquette, Houghton & Ontonagon Railroad. In 1868 he became connected with what is now the Lake Superior Engine Works and built up a fairly good business in general mining and jobbing work, forming the nucleus of the present plant. He built the buildings now occupied by the company and remained with it, its responsible head, until 1889, when he sold his interests. During his connection with this plant he built the first stationary engine in the Lake Superior region and, in 1871, the first locomotive. Mr. Merritt has resided in Marquette ever since 1858, with the exception that the year 1889 was spent in Duluth. In 1880 he erected his elegant, brown sandstone mansion of 15 rooms on a beautiful site, overlooking Lake Superior. It is equipped with all modern appliances for pleasure and comfort, and is not only a pleasure to the eye and a haven of rest, but is also the seat of much hospitality. He owns also a fine farm some eight miles from Marquette, the management of which gives him pleasure.

At Lancaster, Ohio, Mr. Merritt was married to Harriette Alford, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and is a descendant of the Chase family of

Revolutionary fame. The five children born to this marriage are: Frank W., who is a manufacturer of Worcester, Massachusetts; Edward Alfred, who is secretary and treasurer of the Cleveland Stone Company; Edith Louise, who is the wife of William J. Stevens, of Marquette, Michigan; Florence D., who is the wife of R. S. Rose, of Marquette, Michigan; and Bessie Hasbrouck, who is living at home. In religious views the family are Episcopalians.

Mr. Merritt has always affiliated with the Republican party. He has been a member of the Masonic fraternity since before he was 21, having been made one in Ohio by special dispensation. He is a Royal Arch Mason. A portrait of Mr. Merritt accompanies this sketch, being presented on a preceding page.

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#### DWIGHT BRYANT WALDO, A. M.

DWIGHT BRYANT WALDO, A. M., principal of the Northern State Normal School of Michigan, and an educator of experience and prominence, is one of the highly valued citizens of Marquette, Marquette County. Mr. Waldo was born at Arcade, Wyoming County, New York, June 13, 1864, and is a son of Simeon S. and Martha Ann (Bryant) Waldo, the Waldo family being one of prominence and substance in that locality. Both parents are living, their home being at Plainwell, Michigan. Simeon S. Waldo is one of the leading Republicans of his section, and for a long period has served as justice of the peace. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow. Both he and his wife are most worthy members of the Methodist Church. They reared three children, viz: Charles H., now deceased; Lizzie, the widow of Willard E. Gilkey, of Plainwell, Michigan; and Dwight Bryant, of this sketch.

Professor Waldo attended the Plainwell public schools in his youth spent 18 months at the Michigan Agricultural College, and then entered Albion College, where he passed four busy years, graduating in 1887 with the degree of Ph. B. He spent the two succeeding years as instructor in the preparatory department of the college, going then to Harvard University,

where he took graduate work. He then accepted the chair of history and political economy at Beloit College for one and a half years, and in 1892 returned to his alma mater as professor of history and political science, on which he lectured in that institution for the succeeding seven years. In 1899 Marquette secured Professor Waldo as principal of the Northern State Normal School, a position for which his learning, experience and personal qualifications admirably fit him. Devoted to his profession, he is a thorough master of all that pertains to it and since taking charge of this educational institution has infused into its conduct a spirit of enthusiasm which has been most beneficial. Professor Waldo possesses in a marked degree that personal magnetism which is a wonderful factor in guiding the careers of ambitious or of dull pupils, and he has made all under his care feel that he is not only their mental guide and mentor, but also their sincere friend.

Professor Waldo was married December 31, 1890, to Minnie Abbie Strong, who was born at Vicksburg, Michigan, and was a daughter of Ambrose E. and Abbie (Sawyer) Strong. Mrs. Waldo died January 30, 1903, at the age of 37 years, being the mother of three children, viz: Rollin, deceased; Herbert Strong; and Ruth Genevieve. Professor Waldo is a member of the Methodist Church. He is a Republican in politics, and during his residence at Albion served three years as one of the city aldermen. He is connected with a number of organizations, all of them being of an educational or literary character, viz: the college fraternity of Sigma Chi; the American Historical Association; Michigan Political Science Association; and the National Educational Association. In 1890 he was honored by Albion College with the degree of A. M.

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### WILLIAM G. RICE.

WILLIAM G. RICE, a citizen of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, a lawyer by profession and one of the most progressive and enterprising men of the locality, was born at Charlotte, Michigan, March 26,







FRANCIS M. MOORE.

1870, and in early life removed to Houghton with his parents. He is a son of John W. Rice, a pioneer of the county, who died in 1885, aged 54 years. John W. Rice was for eight years treasurer of Houghton County, and was known far and wide as a man of absolute integrity and high moral character. Few men of Houghton County were better known or more thoroughly respected for their admirable qualities. One brother of our subject, John H. Rice, is prominent in financial circles and is vice-president of the National Bank of Houghton.

After graduating from the law department of Northwestern University at Chicago, Illinois, William G. Rice spent five years in the office of ex-Senator Lyman Trumbull, in that city. In 1897 he located in Houghton, Michigan, and entered upon the practice of law, forming a partnership under the style of Gray, Haire & Rice, the second member of the firm now being on the Circuit bench in Gogebic County, Michigan. Soon after locating in Houghton, Mr. Rice organized the Mining Gazette Company, of which he is secretary and treasurer and one of the directors. He has successfully promoted several other corporations doing business in Houghton County and in the West and it is to this line of work that his efforts have been chiefly devoted.



#### FRANCIS M. MOORE.

FRANCIS M. MOORE, who is well known over the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, is deputy clerk of the United States Circuit and District Courts at Marquette and is in charge of the Northern Division of the Western District of Michigan, embracing the entire Northern Peninsula. With the exception of two years, he has resided continuously at Marquette since 1864. Mr. Moore was born at Auburn, Oakland County, Michigan, July 6, 1838, and is a son of George W. and Mary (Emery) Moore.

George W. Moore was born in New York City September 27, 1808, and is a son of William and Betsy (Barnes) Moore, his father being a native of London, England, and his mother of County, Tyrone, Ireland. George

W. Moore removed from Geneva, New York, to Michigan, in 1837 and followed farming throughout his active career. Although now 95 years of age, he is active and hearty, and noted for his wonderful memory, remembering various incidents of the war of 1812, the family then residing at Sodus Point, New York. He is still able to write a good hand and is an interesting correspondent, notwithstanding his advanced years. His wife was born in England, came to the United States at the age of 16 years, and died in May, 1900, at the age of 82 years.. Our subject has three brothers and two sisters, namely: James and Jasper, both farmers, residing about 22 miles from Detroit, Michigan; George William, a member of the law firm of Moore & Moore, of Detroit, Michigan, with offices in the Campau Building; Mary E., who resides at Marquette with our subject; and Mrs. Z. W. Monroe, of Wayne County, Michigan.

Francis M. Moore was educated at Ypsilanti, Michigan, in the Union School, and afterward taught several years in the Lower Peninsula before removing to Marquette in 1864. Since 1869 he has been mainly identified with court work, and prior to accepting his present position was clerk of the State Circuit Court for a period of seven years. May 26, 1887, he was appointed to his present position by Judge Henry F. Severens, then on the United States District bench and now on the Circuit bench. He keeps records of all cases of criminal, admiralty and bankruptcy law, as well as civil cases in law and equity.

Mr. Moore was married in 1873 to Sarah E. Place of Grand Ledge, Michigan, and she died in 1880 without issue. He is a Democrat in politics and takes an earnest interest in his party's success. Fraternally, he is a prominent Mason, having joined Myrtle Lodge, No. 89, A. F. & A. M., at Belleville, Michigan, in 1861. He is a member of Marquette Chapter, No. 43, R. A. M.; Lake Superior Commandery, No. 30, K. T.; and DeWitt Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He took the thirty-third degree of Masonry at Boston, Massachusetts, September 18, 1888, and is one of the five of that degree in the Northern Peninsula, the others being: Judge Joseph H. Steere, of Sault Ste. Marie; S. M. Stephenson, of Menominee; M. B. McGee, of Crystal Falls; and John Duncan, of Calumet. Mr. Moore served as master seven and a half years; is past eminent commander

of Lake Superior Commandery, No. 30, K. T., and past grand commander of the Grand Commandery, K. T., of Michigan; and is thrice potent grand master in Marquette Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Religiously he is a regular attendant of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has served as trustee 32 years. Mr. Moore has traveled extensively over the United States, which, with his wide experience, makes him an interesting conversationalist. He has a pleasant home in Marquette, where he owns considerable property. A portrait of Mr. Moore accompanies this sketch, being presented on a foregoing page.

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#### M. E. ASIRE.

M. E. ASIRE, who is engaged in the real estate, loan and insurance business in the Harlow Block in Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, has been a resident of the city since 1881, and has been engaged in business there since 1885. He was born in 1861 at Medina, Ohio, and is a son of Josiah and Hannah (Ferris) Asire, the former of whom was killed in 1862, when serving as a Union soldier during the Civil War. Our subject's mother contracted a second marriage and is now Mrs. H. J. Stevens, of Hortonville, Wisconsin.

Our subject was but three years old when his mother removed with him to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where he was reared and educated in the common and State Normal schools. For three years, after removing to Marquette in 1881, he taught school at Chocolay, four miles distant. In 1885 he established his real estate business and in 1898 added fire insurance, representing 15 leading companies at the present time. He is president of the local board of fire underwriters which is composed of all of the insurance agents in the city, and was organized in the current year with Robert Peters, vice-president; Michael H. Foard, secretary; and P. W. Phelps, treasurer. Mr. Asire is connected with a number of the important business organizations of Mar-

quette and is a member of the board of directors of the Marquette City & Presque Isle Railway Company, the others being: Peter White, president of the company; N. M. Kaufman, vice-president; L. G. Kaufman, treasurer; F. O. Clark, secretary, and Albert Hornstein and S. R. Kaufman. Mr. Asire served as the company's only secretary until 1903 and its treasurer from April, 1893, until April, 1903. On February 7, 1885, was held the first meeting of the Marquette County Agricultural Society,—an admirably managed enterprise which has contributed very much to the developing of the farming interests of the county. Its board of directors include: E. B. Palmer, president; B. W. Wright, treasurer; M. E. Asire, secretary; William A. Ross, assistant secretary, and John D. Mangum, George W. Hager, Frank Vandeenboom, Robert Blenhuber, E. C. Anthony, Daniel Sullivan, W. J. Stevens and Joseph Fay. Mr. Asire serves also as local treasurer of the Standard Savings & Loan Association, of Detroit, Michigan.

In 1889 Mr. Asire was married to Laura Mahaffey, who was born in Marquette, Michigan, and is a daughter of Robert J. Mahaffey, the manager of a large sawmill at Ishpeming, Marquette County. Mr. and Mrs. Asire have two children: Myron J., aged 10 years and Alla L., aged six. Their pleasant home is situated at No. 1020 North Front street.

In politics Mr. Asire is identified with the Republican party and for the past six years he has been a member of the City Council and for three years served as its president. He has also served as supervisor and in other positions which required business experience and integrity of character.

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### JOSEPH E. REAU.

JOSEPH E. REAU, who is a leading business citizen of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, in the line of fire, life and accident insurance, employers' liability and burglary insurance bonds, real estate and loans and mining stock, was born at Marquette, August 1, 1859, and is a son of Euseba and Emily Reau.

Euseba Reau was a pioneer resident of Marquette County, removing from Quebec to the "Soo" and thence to Marquette about 1845, and dying in Marquette about 1885. He was born at Quebec of French-Canadian parentage and was one of 20 children,—18 sons and two daughters. His brother Felix died some years since at Marquette and Joseph is a resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. Reau was a carpenter and contractor and built the Summit House at Marquette and operated it for some time. It is still well patronized and is situated near the Marquette Hotel and has a very fine view of the lake. Our subject's mother, whose death occurred in 1899, was a native of Canada and married her husband at the "Soo." The surviving members of their family include, beside our subject: Mrs. Mary McCarty, of Marquette, Michigan; Henry, a contractor of Duluth, Minnesota; and Louis, who is a conductor on the Marquette & Southeastern Railway. Those deceased are: Emily, Alice and Virginia.

Joseph E. Reau was reared and educated in Marquette and for a time engaged in the contracting business with his father. For 20 years he was interested in an ice business which he later sold to the Lake Superior Ice Company just prior to embarking in the insurance business. He has been prominently identified with county affairs, and served for six years as deputy United States marshal under the administration of President Cleveland. From 1890 to 1892 he was the very efficient deputy sheriff of Marquette County. At present he is alderman from the Second Ward in the Marquette City Council and is a member of the Board of Education. In politics Mr. Reau has always been a Democrat, but on account of the financial attitude of his party he voted in the last presidential election for President McKinley.

In 1887 Mr. Reau was married to Della Warner, who was born at Marquette, Michigan, and is a daughter of Charles Warner, who resides with our subject, at the age of 78 years. For many years Mr. Warner followed the painting business. The children born to our subject and wife are two daughters and one son, viz: Alice E., Viola and Joseph Euseba. The handsome family residence is located at No. 331 West Superior street. Fraternally Mr. Reau is connected with the National Union, the Knights of the Maccabees, Modern Woodmen of America and a French order. Mr. Reau

and family are Catholics and they attend religious services at the Marquette Cathedral.

Mr. Reau is one of the substantial business men of Marquette, and during the past 10 years has handled much valuable real estate for himself and others, and has conducted a very successful insurance business, representing only leading companies. He is interested in mining stocks and in other prospering enterprises.



### DAN H. BALL.

DAN H. BALL, senior member of the well known law firm of Ball & Ball, is one of the best known lawyers of the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, and maintains his offices at Marquette, Marquette County.

Mr. Ball was born at Sempronius, New York, January 15, 1836, in the spring of which year his parents removed to Michigan, settling on a farm in Washtenaw County. There our subject resided until his 16th year, when in 1852 his father died and the family moved to Albion, Michigan. After a year at Albion College, Dan H. Ball taught school during the winters, and followed farming during the summers, his family having in the meantime gone back to the farm. In 1856 he entered the literary department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and subsequently engaged in teaching at Hamburg, Michigan, and for a year or two in the State of Illinois. In 1860, he entered the law department of the University of Michigan, but his plans were cut short by the death of a brother who was engaged in the grocery and provision business at Marquette, and he removed there and temporarily assumed the management of that business. He next engaged in newspaper work, being for two years part owner and editor of the *Lake Superior News*, and later of the *Lake Superior Journal*. He had been admitted to the bar before removing to Marquette and in 1864 began practice, opening an office at that place. Two years later he removed to Houghton, Houghton County, where he entered into a partnership with James B. Ross,

and continued there until 1870, when he again took up his residence in Marquette. He established a large and lucrative practice, and the firm of Ball & Ball is considered the best in the Marquette County mining district. The junior member of the firm is our subject's son, James E. Ball, who received careful preparation for the legal profession and is a very able man. Dan H. Ball was register of the United States Land Office at Marquette from 1862 to 1865, and served as prosecuting attorney of Marquette County during 1864-65.

Mr. Ball was married in 1863 to Emma E. Everett, a daughter of Philo M. Everett, of Marquette, Marquette County, and they have five children, as follows: James E., junior member of the law firm of Ball & Ball; Emily M., the wife of Clarence M. Smith, a lawyer of Redlands, California; Mabel E., the wife of Attorney Walter B. Hill, of East Liverpool, Ohio; George E., who is a 1st lieutenant of the 21st Infantry, U. S. A., and who has seen service in the Phillipines; and Helen Grace, whose husband, John G. Stone, is a son of Judge Stone, of Marquette, and is a lawyer of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan.

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### CHARLES F. LEAN.

CHARLES F. LEAN, ex-sheriff of Houghton County, Michigan, and proprietor of a livery business at Houghton, was born September 10, 1854, in Devonshire, England. He is a son of William and Jane (Bennett) Lean, who emigrated to America from England in the year of our subject's birth. William Lean located at Dodgeville, Wisconsin, and there our subject obtained all the schooling he ever had, for at the age of eight years he began contributing his mite to the support of the family, his father being a poor man.

At the age of 12 years our subject was entirely dependent upon his own efforts for support, and the succeeding years, until he was 19 years old, were spent in the locality of his home at various occupations, including teaming and work on a ferry-boat. After removing to Houghton County, in 1873, he



was employed for one year by the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company, and later by the Sturgeon River Lumber Company, at Hancock. After his marriage, in 1875, he engaged in railroading and, although he lost his thumb by an accident the first day, he continued with the Mineral Range Railroad Company for a period of 21 years, teaming during the first 10 years, and for over 11 years was a passenger conductor. Mr. Lean then was brought forward by the Republican party as their candidate for sheriff of Houghton County and was elected by a fine majority. His popularity was demonstrated by his service of four years in the office, during which time it was proved that he saved the county thousands of dollars.

In 1875 Sheriff Lean was married in Hancock to Agnes Mitchell, who is a daughter of John Mitchell, of Hancock, Michigan, and a family of eight children were born to this union, as follows: Nina, who married S. H. Bryant, of Calumet, Michigan, in January, 1897, and has two children,—Virginia and Charlotte; Lottie, who married Dennis M. Coghlin, at Hancock, their one daughter, Agnes, dying in Houghton in 1903; Miltonia, deceased; Josephine; Fred; John; Walter; and Howard. The pleasant and attractive home of the family is situated on South street of West Houghton, and is one of the most hospitable ones in the place. Mr. Lean is held in very high esteem in Houghton, where he is so well known. He is a man of upright character and generous to a fault; he is public spirited also and contributes liberally to all movements looking to the permanent advancement of the community.

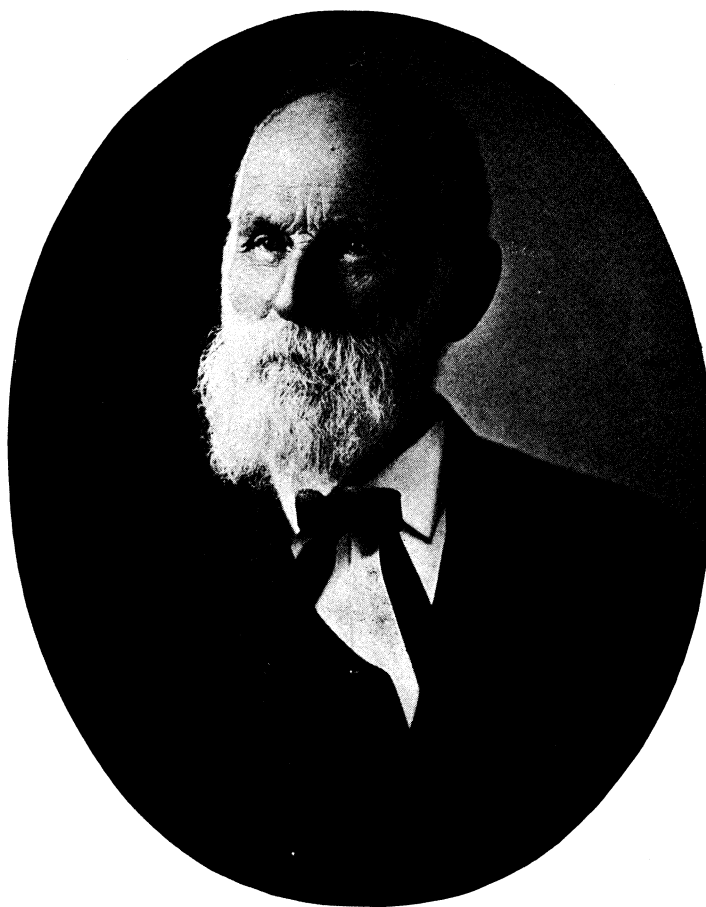
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### JOSEPH NEHER.

JOSEPH NEHER, a well known young business man of Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, has been the proprietor of a saloon in that city since 1900. He was born in Hancock in 1874, and is a son of Michael and Rosina (Meyer) Neher.

Michael Neher was born in Germany in 1828. After coming to the United States he supported himself as a teamster, but later engaged in the saloon





GEORGE PERKINS CUMMINGS.

business and was very successful in his efforts to make a good living and secure an ample competence. He was a member of the Catholic Church, and also affiliated with the St. Joseph's Society. His death occurred in 1884, when he was aged 56 years. His wife was born in Germany, and died in 1898, at the age of 54. Of the eight children born to them, five are now living, namely: Martin, who is a teamster and who for the past six years has been a member of the volunteer fire department of Hancock; John, who is employed by his brother Joseph, our subject; Lizzie, who married Victor Linville, and is now a resident of Hancock; Frank, who is connected with the Val Blatz Brewing Company's Hancock branch; and Joseph, our subject.

Joseph Neher took advantage of the educational facilities provided in the schools of the then village of Hancock, and secured a good common school education. In 1900 he engaged in the saloon business, and has a well conducted and well appointed place, than which there is no better in Houghton County. His enterprise and business judgment have often been commended.

Mr. Neher is a member of the Catholic Church and of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.



### GEORGE PERKINS CUMMINGS.

GEORGE PERKINS CUMMINGS, civil engineer, surveyor and land agent, at Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, has been identified with the developing of the Northern Peninsula of Michigan more or less ever since 1857. Mr. Cummings was born November 18, 1826, in Morgan, Orleans County, Vermont, and is of the ninth generation of the family in America.

He traces his descent from Isaac Cummings, who was born in England and came to America in 1640 with the Puritans, settling on the borders of Ipswich and Topsfield, Massachusetts, where he died in May, 1677. His son, John Cummings, was married to Sarah Hewlet, and died in Dunstable, Massachusetts, December 1, 1700. John Cummings (2) was born in Massachusetts and his wife was Elizabeth ———. She was shot dead by

Indians who surprised the garrison in Dunstable; he was found at the same time, but whether he died then or at a later date is not known. Samuel Cummings, son of John Cummings (2), was born in Massachusetts October 6, 1684, and on January 14, 1708 or 1709, married Elizabeth Shed; they lived in or near Groton, Massachusetts. She administered her husband's estate in 1718. Jerahmeel Cummings, great-great-grandfather of our subject, and son of Samuel Cummings, was born in Massachusetts October 10, 1711, was married in 1736 to Hannah Farwell and died in Hollis, New Hampshire, October 21, 1747. His widow married as her second husband Stephen Jewett. Jotham Cummings, son of Jerahmeel Cummings, was born December 29, 1742. Jotham Cummings (2), grandfather of our subject, and son of the preceding, was born November 6, 1766, and was married March 5, 1793, to Elizabeth Senter, who was born June 12, 1768; he died October 16, 1833. Charles Cummings, the father of our subject, was born November 22, 1801, was married to Jerusha Little on February 26, 1826, and died December 12, 1873. His wife died five days later, December 17, 1873.

Our subject's education was limited to what he could obtain in the district school, supplemented by one term of three months at a grammar school at Brownington, Vermont. He worked on his father's farm until the autumn of 1848, gaining thus an experience which came in good play in later years in a new country and in a life largely spent in the woods.

Mr. Cummings spent the winter of 1848-49 in Boston, Massachusetts, and upon returning to Vermont engaged in the engineering corps on the survey and construction of a portion of the Connecticut and Passumpsic Rivers Railroad, from Wells River to St. Johnsbury. After the completion of this railroad he continued in the employ of the company in the freight department in the general offices at St. Johnsbury, until October, 1854, when he went to Concord, New Hampshire, where he continued in the same business until he had gained the position of master of transportation of the Concord, Manchester & Lawrence Railroad. In the spring of 1857 he was offered a position as superintendent of a projected railroad from the Wisconsin State line to Marquette, in connection with the Chicago, St. Paul & Fond du Lac road which was to be extended from Oshkosh, Wisconsin. This

was the year of the great financial crash which paralyzed business throughout the country, and of course the project fell through.

During the succeeding two years Mr. Cummings was employed by the St. Mary's Falls Mineral Land Company conducting explorations for copper, the first year at Lac la Belle, on Keweenaw Point, and the second year in the vicinity of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, opening what was called the Albany & Boston, now known as the Franklin Junior mine. In 1860 he engaged in merchandising and for the succeeding 10 years continued, until he was burned out in the great fire of 1868, finally selling his interests in 1869. In the spring of 1870 he was engaged as assistant engineer on the survey and construction of a railroad from L'Anse, Baraga County, Michigan, to Champion, Marquette County, and since that time has followed civil and mining engineering and land surveying, having had his son Charles connected with him since 1889.

While living at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, Mr. Cummings was married, on October 20, 1851, to Hannah Elsen Ropes, of that place, a descendant of Hardy Ropes, of Salem, Massachusetts. Mrs. Cummings died September 27, 1892. They had a son, Charles, born November 22, 1860, who is a graduate of Amherst College, Massachusetts, of the class of 1886. On October 11, 1893, Charles Cummings married Frances E. Christian, of Iron Mountain, Michigan, and they have three children, viz: Hannah Elsen, born July 15, 1894; Sarah Sheldon, born April 15, 1896; and Charlotte Ropes, born December 1, 1898.

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### EUGENE LAROCHELLE.

EUGENE LAROCHELLE, one of the early visitors to Marquette, Marquette County, and one who has been closely identified with much of the industrial development of the vicinity, was born at Joliette, Province of Quebec, Canada, February 22, 1840. His father died when he was but two years of age and he has been obliged to care for himself since childhood's years. His father, Guad-

ron de LaRochelle, a native of La Rochelle, France, was a captain in the French Army and a government contractor; he married Domitile Bellile, a native of Canada, and they had a family of five children, namely: Godfried, deceased; Joseph, of Joliette, Quebec, Canada; Eugene, our subject; and Philanie and Melie, of Manitoba.

Until he was 13 years of age, Eugene LaRochelle remained at Joliette and then went to Brighton, Canada West, and worked for three years with William Platt. He then started for the mining regions of the Northern Peninsula of Michigan and the journey by rail and boat consumed three weeks; he reached Marquette, August 15, 1859, at which time the contractors were just completing the tram road. He first worked in the Pioneer mine, then started for Ontonagon to secure better employment. He reached Ontonagon by boat and walked from there to the Michigan mine. His first contracting work was a contract by which he and Thomas Byrne constructed the Norwich road. In 1860 he walked the distance from Ontonagon to Houghton, a matter of 50 miles, in order to cast his vote for President Lincoln, this being his first franchise privilege. He remained over six years at Houghton where he received the contract to saw a large amount of lumber for road construction, but in 1862 he lost his workmen, for the majority of them went into the army. He then worked one year at the Quincy mine after which he took the contract for packing and hauling with dogs, and frequently rescued the mails during the stormy seasons with his dogs. In 1866 he returned to Marquette with two teams of passengers who were then building the Union Pacific Railroad. Of the 14 workmen he hauled on that occasion, 13 were afterward killed by the Indians. In November, 1867, he started a saloon on Front street, Marquette, and has continued in this business ever since, with the exception of eight years when he again engaged in contracting. He has been a witness of the wonderful development of this whole section and has had many thrilling adventures.

Mr. LaRochelle married Delima Lemire, who was born in the State of New York, and five children have been born to them, namely: Georgiana (Forsha); Josephine (Graham); Henry, who lives at home and has two children; Edwin, of Marquette, who has three children; and Alfred and Emma, at home. Mr. LaRochelle has been a member of St. John Baptiste Church







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for the past 28 years, ever since its organization. Although he never had any educational opportunities and is entirely a self-made man, our subject has established himself comfortably in the world, is intelligent and well informed and counts his warm friends by many a score.

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### JOHN L. MCD. GIBSON, D. D. S.

JOHN L. MCD. GIBSON, D. D. S., of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, has acquired a high degree of success in the practice of dentistry, and is widely known for his ability as an athlete. He was born in Berlin, Ontario, Canada, September 10, 1879, and is a son of James and Mary (McDonald) Gibson, both of whom are natives of Aberdeen, Scotland.

James Gibson was a farmer in Waterloo County, Ontario, until 1892, when he retired, and now lives in the town of Berlin. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gibson: Della, who married Fred Colquhoun, and lives in Waterloo, Ontario; Agnes, who married Fred Pearson, has two children and lives in Berlin, Ontario; Thomas, who married Minnie Allan, and lives in Carstairs, Alberta County, Northwest Territory; Alexander, who married Eula Johnson, and is a physician of Birmingham, Alabama; Isabel, who married H. H. Pirie, and lives in Cartago, Costa Rico, Central America; Nora, who married Alexander Goldie, and lives at Galt, Ontario; Madge and Minnie, who are unmarried and live at home; and John L. McD.

Dr. John L. McD. Gibson attended the common schools of Berlin, Canada, and later entered Pickering College, from which he was graduated in 1896. He then took a course of instruction in the Detroit Dental College, graduated in 1900 and immediately thereafter located in Houghton, Houghton County, where he has become firmly established in the confidence and esteem of the people.

Dr. Gibson has excelled in athletics and while in college established a

name for himself which will long be remembered in Canada by all true lovers of sports. *The Hockey Record* for 1897 had the following to say of him in this connection: "Mr. John L. Gibson has been on the Berlin team for three years, playing an almost perfect defense. In his position at point he is unquestionably the best man west of Montreal and Quebec. In 1895 he was captain of the Pickering College team at the early age of 15 years. At association football, at tennis, cricket and lacrosse he plays a fine game. In August, 1896, he won the half-mile Waterloo County championship rowing race easily. He is also an excellent swimmer. His weight is close to 185 pounds and he is as good as a stone wall to knock over." In 1900 the Berlin Hockey Club (Y. M. C. A.), of which Dr. Gibson was a member, established another remarkable record and won every game of the series for the year against some of the best teams of Ontario. At the conclusion of the final game Dr. Gibson was carried off the ice on the shoulders of his admiring friends for his brilliant playing. In 1900 the Rangers of Berlin, to which he belonged, won the championship of the East from Toronto, becoming champions of Canada. In 1901 Dr. Gibson was sent to St. Louis to assist the Association Hockey Club in a game with the St. Louis A. A. Club. The *Democrat* said of the game: "Gibson not only won the game for his team, but showed St. Louisians a bit of scientific hockey playing exceedingly rare in this locality." In 1900 our subject took the Berlin Rangers to St. Louis to play a game of football against a picked team from the Globes and Shamrocks. The game resulted in a victory of 8 to 0 for the Rangers, and in speaking of the game the *St. Louis Star* said: "Never for a moment did St. Louis have a chance to score. The spectators were given a wonderful exhibition by the Canucks. They are the best team that ever came to St. Louis. Jack Gibson is certainly a star. He made every man on the home team look amateurish. This clever young athlete, who might be taken for Emmett Heidrick, is the fastest and surest half back since Govier's time, and a good many think he is even better than Govier. If there is such a thing as sensational playing then that term should be applied to Gibson's playing yesterday. His football is even more phenomenal than his hockey playing." He excels in every line of athletics, and has a drawer full of medals won in rowing, swimming, skating and running. In 1901 Dr. Gib-

son became a member of the Portage Lake Hockey Team of Houghton, Michigan, being the first to introduce the game in the locality. This team, under the captaincy of Dr. Gibson, has met with marvelous success, and of the 10 large games played they have won them all but one. They defeated Minneapolis and St. Paul in 1902, won the championship of the West at Chicago, and the championship of the United States by defeating the Bankers at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. The Portage Lake Hockey Team includes the following men: Joseph H. Jones, John C. Baker, John L. McD. Gibson, Joseph H. Stephens, Robert Rowe, C. E. Westcott and H. E. Meinks. Andrew Holler is substitute, C. Webb is manager, "Paddy" is mascot, and Ted Ames is trainer. Their home rink is "the Amphidrome," and the club colors are white and green.

Fraternally Dr. Gibson is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Fraternal Order of Eagles and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to Company G, Third Regiment, Houghton Light Infantry, Michigan National Guards. He is a Republican in politics, and in religious belief is a Presbyterian.



### FRED G. BROWN.

FRED G. BROWN, the capable manager of the Scheurman Brewery, at Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, was born in Germany in 1851, and is a son of Dr. Christian and Louisa (Schwab) Braun, both of whom were natives of Germany, where they died, the parents of five children.

Fred G. Brown was educated in his native land and came to the United States in 1871, locating at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he was employed two years in a brewery. The following two years were spent in the far West and then he became connected with the Bombach Drug Company, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His next business connection was with a brewery at Portage, Wisconsin, and in 1887 he located at Duluth, Minnesota, where he carried on a mercantile business for eight years. This he disposed of to ac-

cept a government collectorship at Duluth, a position he filled until January, 1898.

In 1898 Mr. Brown located in Hancock, Houghton County, where he has resided ever since. He was first employed as bookkeeper by the Scheurman Brewing Company; since that company's brewery was secured by the Bosch Brewing Company, he has been manager of the plant, which is known as the Scheurman Brewery.

In 1877 Mr. Brown married Fanny Klenert, of Portage, Wisconsin, and they have two children: Louise and Roy. In politics Mr. Brown is a Democrat. Fraternally he is a Mason.

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### LEWIS WILMOT.

LEWIS WILMOT, one of the leading business citizens of Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, engaged in the saddle and harness-making line, was born at Newcastle, Ontario, in 1854, and is a son of Lewis Frederick and Sarah (Eastman) Wilmot. The family was founded at Newcastle, West Durham township, Ontario, by the paternal grandfather of our subject. He married in Canada, reared a family and died in 1855.

Lewis Frederick Wilmot, father of our subject, was a tanner by trade, retiring from active work in 1851, and dying at Newcastle in 1887. Our subject's mother died in 1865. Of the 10 children that made up the parental family, eight still survive, namely: Allen Frederick, living at Aberdeen, South Dakota; Clarentine, wife of Joseph E. Cosford, of Goderich, Ontario; David, of Toronto, Ontario; Lewis, of this sketch; James, of Point Edward, Ontario; Harry, of Marquette, Michigan; and Burt, of Toronto, Ontario.

Our subject was educated at Newcastle and there learned his trade from John Barfett; after completing his apprenticeship he worked four years at Newcastle as a journeyman. In 1888 he came to the United States and located at Port Huron, Michigan, where he worked for more than two years for John McCormick and three years at Marquette, Michigan, for L. M.





EDWARD N. BREITUNG.

Spencer. In the spring of 1893 he located in Hancock, Houghton County, and for three years was in the employ of Benjamin Wieder. In 1896 he started into business for himself on Hancock street, where he remained four years. In 1900 he located on his present site, where he carries on a very successful business, his patronage coming from a wide extent of country.

On November 2, 1882, Mr. Wilmot married Amelia Farnsworth, a daughter of James and Cora (Spencer) Farnsworth, who reside near Belleville, Ontario. Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot have two sons, Lewis Frederick, born March 15, 1884; and James Henry, now in his 16th year. They also have an adopted daughter, Ethel (Judge) Wilmot, born June 4, 1898. Fraternally Mr. Wilmot belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Knights of the Maccabees.



### EDWARD N. BREITUNG.

EDWARD N. BREITUNG. The name of Breitung is the most familiar one in connection with the opening up and operating of the finest and most important iron mines of the Northern Peninsula. The larger portion of the business interests of Edward N. Breitung is in this region. He was born November 1, 1871, in Negaunee, Marquette County, and has for several years carried an unusually heavy weight of business cares upon his shoulders. He is a director of the Negaunee Iron Company, of that place, also of the Arctic Iron Company, the Wolverine Copper & Silver Company, the Union Pacific Brewing & Malting Company, of Marquette, the Marquette County Savings Bank, the Duluth Brewing & Malting Company, of Duluth, Minnesota, and the Breitung Iron Company, the Breitung Mining Guarantee Company, Limited, and the Beaver Iron Company, all of Marquette.

In 1890 Mr. Breitung was married, at Marquette, to Charlotte Graver-aette, a daughter of Samuel Kaufman, and they have one daughter, Juliet Marie.

Edward Breitung, Sr., his father, was a man to whom all the credit is



given for opening up the iron industry that has largely made the Northern Peninsula what it is to-day. This pioneer miner and promoter was born November 10, 1831, in the city of Schalkan, Germany, where he was well educated and sent to the mines at Meininger, from which he graduated. He came to America in 1849, locating at Richland, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, where, in order to learn the English language, he attended district schools. For two years he clerked in a grocery store at Kalamazoo, and the following four years worked in Detroit as a bookkeeper. He located in Marquette in 1855 and engaged in the mercantile business. In 1859 he sold out and removed to Negaunee, where he associated himself with Israel B. Case, and for several years operated the pioneer furnaces on contract. In 1864 he commenced to open and develop iron properties and purchase mineral lands. He opened the Washington property and in 1871 began to open mines in the Negaunee Range. The mining men of that district thought it a foolish venture and refused to support Mr. Breitung in his operations. He remained firm in his belief in the mining value of the territory, and that fall (1871) he surprised them with the famous Republic mine, the largest and most profitable iron mine in the Peninsula. In 1873 he began explorations of the Menominee Range, where he located several fine properties. In 1882-83 he first became interested in the Vermillion Range, in Minnesota.

Edward Breitung, Sr., was a member of the State Legislature in 1873-77; was a State Senator in 1877-78 and a member of Congress in 1883-85. From 1880 to 1883 he was mayor of Negaunee. His active and most useful life came to a close March 3, 1887. His son, Edward N. Breitung, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, is most successfully furthering the enterprises left in his charge.



### THE NEGAUNEE PRINTING COMPANY.

One of the leading business enterprises of Negaunee, Marquette County, Michigan, is the Negaunee Printing Company, the officers of which are prominent and leading citizens. Thomas J. Flynn is president, James A. Goodman

is vice-president and secretary, and Fred Dougherty is treasurer and managing editor. This company publishes the *Negaunee Iron Herald*, an eight-page quarto, issued weekly, the only journal in Negaunee. Its active and able management has resulted in a large paying subscription list and well patronized advertising columns. The paper was founded in 1873 by Clinton G. Griffey, is Republican in politics and has been an important factor in exploiting this section to outside investors.

The Negaunee Printing Company is composed of active, able and energetic men who are wide awake to the great possibilities of their locality and have the means and brains for exploiting the same to the world at large, thereby attracting more capital to the Upper Peninsula and hastening its proper development.

THOMAS J. FLYNN, president of the Negaunee Printing Company, is a conspicuous example of the self made man, a type quite frequently encountered in the Upper Peninsula. Thrown on his own resources at a tender age, he has risen from the humble position of "printer's devil," step by step, to head of the establishment in which he learned his trade.

Mr. Flynn was born November 22, 1856, in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, his parents being J. P. and Isabella (Bullock) Flynn. A few years later the family removed to Ravenna, Ohio, where the home was soon broken up by the preliminary rumblings of the Civil War, the husband and father having sold out his tailoring business and joined a Home Guard. This organization had a hand in the pursuit and capture of Morgan, the raider, but never saw active service at the front. After the war J. P. Flynn came to the Upper Peninsula and for a time worked in Marquette at his trade as a tailor, later becoming associated with Carl Rohl in the tailoring business at Negaunee and subsequently having a shop of his own at Ishpeming. Death claimed both of Thomas J. Flynn's parents early in the "seventies," there surviving Thomas J., the subject of this sketch; Isabella (Roessler), now residing in Jefferson, Wisconsin; and Winnifred, who became a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph and is now an instructor in music at the academy of the order in Chillicothe, Missouri.

When Clinton G. Griffey brought his press and type from Ohio to Negaunee, Thomas J. Flynn, then a lad of about 16, helped to unpack and set

up the material, and when the office of the *Negaunee Iron Herald* was opened he was formally installed as its first "devil." His natural quickness and faithful performance of every duty won successive promotions and eventually made him foreman, a position he held at the time he bought a half interest in the office in 1885. With the admission of Mr. Goodman to the partnership in 1901, the firm became Griffey, Flynn & Goodman; and in the re-organization in 1903, which resulted in the formation of The Negaunee Printing Company, Mr. Flynn became president.

Mr. Flynn has ever taken an active interest in the affairs of the community and has held the offices of school inspector and city librarian, the latter for a long term of years. He also served many years in the volunteer fire department, was secretary of that organization for a long time and now holds a like office in the Upper Peninsula Firemen's Association. Mr. Flynn is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians; helped organize the Michigan jurisdiction of the Catholic Order of Foresters and has been State secretary for several years; and is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He was married on November 22, 1877 (his 21st birthday), to Katherine Dee, of Ishpeming, Michigan. They have one son, Gerald, now aged 10 years.

JAMES A. GOODMAN, vice-president and secretary of The Negaunee Printing Company, was born in 1873, at Ayr, Scotland, and is a son of James and Mary A. (Mitchell) Goodman, both of whom were born in Devonshire, England. In 1873 the father came as a miner to Marquette County, where he died in 1897, aged 63 years. His family followed him to Michigan in 1879. He was a man of sterling traits of character, became prominent in local affairs and was made justice of the peace. In politics he supported the Republican party. Originally an Episcopalian, he later became attached to the Methodist Church and was a good and worthy Christian. Fraternally he belonged to the Temple of Honor, and A. O. F. Mrs. Goodman still survives, at the age of 63, a much esteemed resident of Negaunee. Of the seven children born to these parents, four survive: William H., a resident of Rockland, Michigan; Samuel, a resident of Negaunee, Michigan; Edwin J., of Princeton, Michigan; and James A., of this sketch.

Mr. Goodman was six years old when he came to the United States. He obtained his education in the public schools, leaving his books in boyhood in

order to enter the mines as timekeeper. In 1889 he entered the printing office of the *Negaunee Iron Herald* in order to learn the business, and he has been identified with this journal and its interests ever since. On August 1, 1901, he purchased a third interest in the paper and is now the capable and energetic vice-president and secretary of The Negaunee Printing Company.

In 1900 Mr. Goodman was united in marriage with Emma Muck, who is a daughter of Charles and Louise Muck, and was born in Negaunee in 1877. They have one son, Clarence James. Both Mr. Goodman and wife are members of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Fraternally, he is associated with the Royal Arcanum, the Sons of St. George and the Knights of the Maccabees, and he is also a member of the Negaunee Fire Department. In political faith he is a Republican and he has represented the First Ward of Negaunee in the Common Council.

FRED DOUGHERTY, treasurer and managing editor of The Negaunee Printing Company and the *Negaunee Iron Herald*, was born in 1869, at Escanaba, Michigan, and is a son of James C. and Emily (Dunbar) Dougherty, the former of whom was born 62 years ago in the Island of Nantucket, Massachusetts, and the latter, 61 years ago, in Ohio. They reside at Munising, Michigan, where James C. Dougherty is chief clerk in the Munising Railway Company's office, prior to locating there having been agent for the Chicago & North-Western Railway at Negaunee for nearly 20 years. Politically he is a Republican. Fraternally he belongs to the order of United Workmen. Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty have but two children,—Fred, of this record, and Mary J., who is associated with the firm of Wilson Brothers, Chicago, Illinois.

The managing editor of the *Negaunee Iron Herald* and one of the city's progressive citizens, was educated first at Escanaba and then at Negaunee, according to family location. After finishing his school course, he went into the employ of the *Daily Mining Journal*, of Marquette, having control of the Negaunee department for several years and later the Ishpeming department, this connection lasting from 1886 to 1890. He then went to Milwaukee as a reporter on the *Evening Wisconsin*, where he remained for nearly 12 years, acting as telegraph editor for more than half of this period. In 1903 he returned to Negaunee as managing editor of the *Negaunee Iron Herald*, buying

the interest of Clinton G. Griffey, who had founded the paper in 1873. Since that time he has given his undivided attention to this journal and has done much in extending its influence and adding to its financial success.

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ALFRED E. ARCHAMBEAU.

ALFRED E. ARCHAMBEAU, a member of the business firm of Archambeau & Company, of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, and a prominent and representative citizen of that place, was born at Schwitzer Mills, Negaunee township, Marquette County, November 1, 1865, and is a son of Nicholas and Adaline (Bergeron) Archambeau.

Both the Archambeau and Bergeron families are of French-Canadian extraction, the history of the former being traceable in America as far back as 1620, in which year one of three brothers of this name was slain at Montreal, Canada, in a battle between a French force, under the explorer, Samuel de Champlain, and the Iroquois Indians.

Nicholas Archambeau, the father of our subject, was born at St. Lin, L'Assomption County, Province of Quebec, Canada, July 10, 1840. At the age of 17 years, he left home and penetrated into the wilderness of Michigan, and with companions walked in 1857, from the vicinity of Green Bay, Wisconsin, to Marquette, Michigan. The travelers suffered many hardships and privations on the journey, but finally reached their destination safe and sound, and Mr. Archambeau secured work on the Marquette & Bay de Noquet Railroad, which was then in course of construction. For 20 years he worked on the Marquette, Houghton & Ontonagon Railroad, and is now living retired. In 1861, Nicholas Archambeau married Adaline Bergeron, who was born at Au Sable, New York, in 1844, and removed to Marquette, Michigan, with her parents and grandfather in 1852.

Joseph Bergeron, the grandfather of our subject's mother, who was a French Canadian by birth, was a cavalryman in the war of 1812; he fought on the side of the British and took part in the battle of Plattsburgh. He set-

tled in New York after the war, and accompanied his son and the latter's family to Marquette, where he died and was buried some years after. His children were as follows: Margaret, Louis, Nelson J., Emily, Mathilda, Cyrille, Moses, John, Derrick, Jerome and Joseph, all of whom are now deceased.

Nelson J. Bergeron, the father of our subject's mother, was born in Canada, but spent a large part of his early life in the State of New York. He removed to Marquette, Michigan, in 1851, and in the succeeding year was followed by his family and father. By trade, he was a carpenter; he built the first frame building in Negaunee, also the first frame building erected in Marquette, and assisted in the construction of the old Court House, which is now being razed. He was a public spirited citizen and took an active part in the general enterprises that were promoted for the good of the community. His widow still survives. Following are the names of their children: Oliver, who was killed in a powder mill explosion; Mrs. Adaline Archambeau, our subject's mother; Mrs. Flavia Nadeau; Mrs. Mary Mitchell; Mrs. Mathilda Ducharme; and Nelson, Lucy and Louis, who are now deceased.

Alfred E. Archambeau is the fourth member of a family of six children, namely: Joseph, who is engaged in a clothing business at Seattle, Washington; Mrs. Adaline Trottier; Louis, a railroad fireman; Alfred E.; Lucy; and Edward.

Mr. Archambeau obtained his education in the public schools of Marquette, and entered upon a business career March 1, 1882, in the confectionery and news store of J. A. Vannier, seven months later becoming bookkeeper and salesman in the mercantile establishment of K. Oshinsky, with whom he continued four years. He was then one year in the shoe department of Watson & Palmer's store, after which he returned to the employ of Mr. Oshinsky, with whom he continued until the latter sold the business. He then remained with Mr. Oshinsky's successor, J. Simon, who now conducts the the Boston Store, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, until Mr. Simon disposed of the business, when our subject accepted a position with Jacob Rose, a dealer in clothing and gentlemen's furnishings, and acted as salesman, and finally as assistant manager, continuing in the store for a period of six and a half years. On March 1, 1898, he started his present gentlemen's furnishings and shoe

store in partnership with L. Getz, under the firm name of Archambeau & Company. This business has been continued with carefulness and with that catering to the public taste that made Mr. Archambeau so successful in the management of the other houses in which he gained experience, and it is a leading establishment in its line.

Mr. Archambeau was married June 11, 1888, to Philomene Barabe, who was born at Negaunee, Michigan, and is a daughter of Antoine and Marie (Boyer) Barabe. Their one daughter, Florence, is attending school.

Mr. Archambeau has taken a prominent part in public and political affairs, and in the spring of 1903 was nominated on the Citizens' ticket for mayor of Marquette. He has always been public spirited and was the prime mover in the agitation which succeeded in securing the monument of Pere Jacques Marquette, and served as president of the monument committee. In fraternal life he has also been prominent. He was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus organization in Marquette, has held every office in the society of St. Jean Baptiste, was installing officer in the Knights of the Maccabees and a delegate to the State Great Camp, and has been vice-president of the Union Canadienne Francaise of the Upper Peninsula.



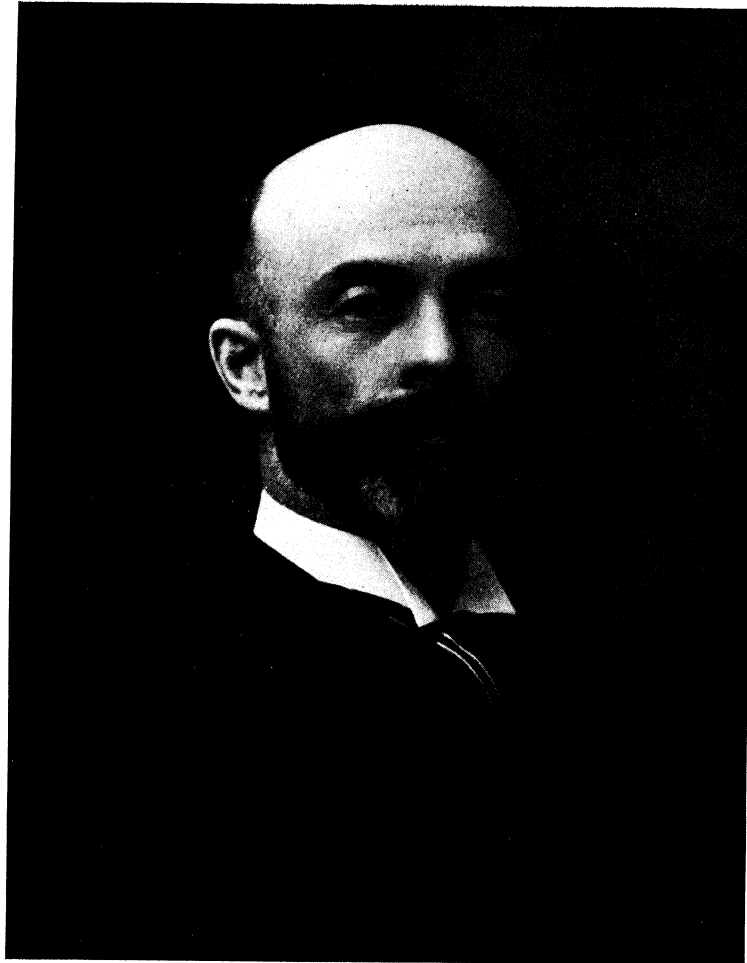
### ADELIN GASSER, M. D.

ADELIN GASSER, M. D., a prominent physician and popular citizen of Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, was born in 1859, in Switzerland. He is a son of John and Mary (Kilcher) Gasser, the former of whom was one of the most important men in his canton, a member of the town council and a prominent merchant in the leather trade. His death occurred in his native land in 1896, at the age of 73 years. His widow still survives, at the age of 69 years, residing at Nunningren, Switzerland. They had but two children, our subject and a sister, now deceased.

Dr. Gasser was educated in the schools of his native town, and spent seven years in the Latin school at Solothurn. In the summer of 1881 he







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entered the University of Bern, and in 1882 the University of Strasburg. After one year at the latter institution he returned to the University of Bern for a short period and then spent three years at the University of Munich. This was followed by one year at Heidelberg. In 1889 he took his examination, a severe test of merit, at the University of Erlangen, and there received his medical and surgical diploma. He spent a short time in clinical work at Munich, visited his old home, and then started for the United States. He located at Hancock in 1890.

In 1896 Dr. Gasser was united in marriage with Pauline Gutsch, who was born in 1869, in Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, and is a daughter of Alexander Gutsch, who is one of the pioneers of that town. Dr. Gasser has erected one of the most beautiful residences in his section, one that is a center of hospitality and culture. Fraternally he is a Mason and Knight Templar, and belongs to the Elks, the Woodmen and many of the German social organizations.



### CLAUDE W. CASE.

CLAUDE W. CASE, vice-president and director of the First National Bank of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, whose portrait appears on the foregoing page, has been a citizen of Marquette for the past two years. For many years he has been favorably known to the residents of the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, on account of large business transactions, and is held in the highest esteem by all who know him.

In 1884 Mr. Case entered the employ of the well known firm of Newberry & McMillan, of Detroit, Michigan, and, being steadily advanced, remained in that connection until 1890, when he removed to Newberry, Luce County, Michigan, to take the management of the Newberry Furnace Company, which was at that time largely owned and controlled by Senator McMillan and the Newberry estate. Although the plant was sold in 1889, Mr. Case continued in charge until November, 1902. In July, 1896, he was instrumental in organizing and opening the Munising State Bank, Munising,

Alger county, Michigan, of which institution he was cashier and manager: under his control it continuously prospered. On taking up his residence in Marquette, in October, 1901, he turned the management of the Munising State Bank over to his brother, Fred S. Case, who removed from Detroit for that purpose, since which time Claude W. Case has been director and vice-president of the Munising State Bank, as well as of the First National Bank of Marquette. It was through the energy and enterprise of Mr. Case that the Upper Peninsula Hospital for the Insane was located at Newberry. In March, 1894, Mr. Case was appointed by the Governor a member of the board of building commissioners and has had much to do with the construction of the present magnificent institution. He is still connected with the hospital as a member of the board of trustees, appointed first in 1895 for six years, and by Governor Bliss for a second term, and is now president of the board.

In 1889 Mr. Case married Lillie Belle Spencer, of Howell, Michigan, and their union has been blessed by two daughters,—Ruth Margaret, born in 1890, and Dorothy Serena, born in 1894.

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### ANDREW G. JOHNSTON.

ANDREW G. JOHNSTON, the well known merchant of Sidnaw, Duncan township, Houghton County, Michigan, is also owner of the Highland Farm which he has so successfully conducted the past few years. Mr. Johnston was born in Lambton County, Ontario, Canada, in 1848, and is a son of Stewart and Mary Ann (Little) Johnston.

Hugh Johnston, our subject's grandfather, was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, and with his wife and 16 children removed to Canada in 1832, receiving from the British government 100 acres of land in Lambton County for each child he brought over, making a total of 1,600 acres. Upon reaching his majority, Stewart Johnston, the father of our subject, was given 100 acres of land by his father. He was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, accompanied his parents to Canada in 1832, and lived there until his death in 1900. He mar-

ried Mary Ann Little, who died in 1901, and they reared 12 children, of which number eight are now living, as follows: Andrew G.; Mary, who lives on the old homestead in Canada; Lizzie, who married Charles T. Andrews, now deceased, and lives at Ann Arbor, Michigan, with her two children; James and Hugh, who live on the old homestead in Canada; Matilda, who married William Kent, of Vancouver, British Columbia, where Mr. Kent is engaged in the hotel business; Robert, a contractor of Courtright, Lambton County, Ontario, handling railroad freight; and Grace, who at one time taught school at Sidnaw, Michigan, and now lives in Courtright, Lambton County, Ontario.

Andrew G. Johnston received a common school education in Lambton County, Ontario, and in 1866, at the age of 17 years, removed to Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan. He worked a short time for Little & Heyn in the mercantile business in Houghton, then was transferred to their branch house in Hancock, where he remained for two years. Then he worked at the Franklin store of that firm, which they had just purchased. Two years later he entered the employ of Edward Ryan of Hancock, continued with him for two years, and then went into the mercantile business for himself, being a partner in the firm of J. B. Ormsby & Company, with which concern he continued for three years. He next worked for Hart Brothers in their store at Republic, Marquette County, for three years. He again engaged in business for himself, locating at Michigamme, Marquette County, as a member of the firm of Hirschmann & Johnston, a general store being established. This firm also established a store at Sidnaw, Houghton County, in 1893, which our subject has conducted alone since the firm disposed of its Michigamme store to Read & Company, in 1897. Mr. Johnston has a large and well equipped store and commands the patronage of the leading citizens of the vicinity of Sidnaw, Mr. Johnston is owner of the Highland Farm near Sidnaw, and is one of a very few who have made a success of farming in this north land. Clearing some 70 acres of his farm of the stumps and brush left after the timber had been taken off, he sowed this in crops and the success of his venture has been astounding. He raised 70 tons of hay, 600 bushels of potatoes, 400 bushels of turnips, 500 bushels of mangel-wurzels and sugar beets, 150 bushels of barley, 500 bushels of oats and 50 bushels of peas, in the year 1902, and these

with the stock realized him the handsome sum of \$2,500. He makes a specialty of Poland-China hogs, in which he deals extensively. He is a practical man, of sound business sense, and farms in the most approved fashion.

In 1870, Mr. Johnston was united in marriage with Hannah Carter, by whom he had one son, James, who is 28 years of age and clerks in his father's store. James Johnston married Barbara Schwitzer, of Michigamme, Marquette County, Michigan, and they have three children: Wilfred, Earl and Chester. After the death of his wife in 1897, our subject was again married, Mattie Schick, a daughter of John Schick, a farmer of Ontonagon County, Michigan, becoming his wife. They have a daughter, Lulu, born September 13, 1900. Mr. Johnston is a Mason and a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church.



### SACRED HEART CHURCH.

SACRED HEART CHURCH, Calumet, Michigan, is the oldest and at present the most beautiful church in the Upper Peninsula.

The Sacred Heart parish was organized in 1868 by Rev. Ed. Jacker. For five years this zealous missionary labored indefatigably for his people. In 1873 he was succeeded by Rev. Frederick Eis, the present Bishop of Marquette.

At different periods the following priests have been in charge: 1874, Rev. John Brown; 1875, Rev. Fabian Pawler; 1878, Rev. John Burns; 1880, Rev. Angus Menard; 1882, Rev. Al. Majerus; 1883, Rev. A. N. Geers; 1885, Rev. A. J. Cebul; 1886, Rev. M. Faust; 1889, Rev. Ignatius Otis.

In 1890 Rev. Peter Welling and Rev. Wilkins, Franciscan Fathers of Cincinnati, took charge of the parish and since that time the Franciscan Fathers have worked with great success among the good people.

In September, 1890, Rev. Hilarius Hoelscher became pastor of Sacred Heart Church and through his efforts the Sacred Heart School was built.

The school was opened under the direction of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, with an enrollment of 450 pupils.

Rev. Pacific Winterheld, assisted by Rev. Frank Paul, took charge of the parish in 1892. In December, 1894, Rev. Angelus Haferpete became pastor.

In 1895 Rev. Peter Welling was appointed pastor, assisted by Rev. Otto Ziegler. In 1898, through the untiring efforts of Father Peter Welling, the foundation of the present church was laid and it was completed in 1899, in which year it was dedicated. The building itself is the finest church edifice in the Upper Peninsula, built at a cost of \$65,000, all of which is paid but \$5,000. The architecture is Gothic. The structure is of red stone. The interior is of oak and seats 1,100 people. The artistic decorations of the interior present a striking picture of brightness and completeness, a magnificent witness to the energy and devotion of its pastor and his assistant, as also to the love and liberality of the parishioners. In the spring of the same year the old Sacred Heart Church was destroyed by fire. In October, 1900, Rev. Peter Welling and Rev. Otto Ziegler were succeeded by the present pastor, Rev. Sigismund Pirron, and his assistant, Rev. Caspar Matz. Rev. Julius Henze took Rev. Caspar Matz' place in March, 1902, the former being called to Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rev. Sigismund Pirron is an American by birth, born in St. Bernard, Hamilton County, Ohio, January 13, 1872. After completing his elementary studies in the Sisters' school in Cincinnati, Father Sigismund Pirron entered college at the age of 12 years, and five years later finished the preparatory course for the priesthood in St. Francis College, Cincinnati. After spending one year in the Franciscan novitiate at Mount Airy, Ohio, and taking a five years' course in philosophy and theology, he was ordained priest July 25, 1896.

His first appointment was Metamora, Illinois, also having charge of two missions at Washburn and Washington. After four years of zealous work he was transferred to Calumet, his present field of labor.

Father Sigismund Pirron is an energetic worker, wholly devoted to his church and school. During his pastorate the new Sacred Heart High School has been erected and equipped. The school is in a flourishing condition and has at the present writing 13 teachers and an enrollment of 800 pupils. The

school has 12 grades, and its work is thoroughly systematized. The High School affords its pupils a full four years' in the Latin and commercial courses. To Father Sigismund Pirron belongs the honor of organizing the Young Men's Catholic Club, which has proved a blessing to many a young man of the Sacred Heart parish. The club has increased since its organization (January, 1902,) from 50 to 188 members. The club was organized not only for the social and physical benefit of its members but also for their spiritual welfare, as has been demonstrated on various occasions. A call at the club rooms in the new Sacred Heart High School will convince the visitor of the work done for the young men by their kind pastor. The rooms are fully equipped and up to date, just the ideal place for a young man to spend his leisure moments. Besides the Y. M. C. C., the pastor organized the Young Ladies' League of the Sacred Heart. The young ladies have the privilege of holding their meetings in the Y. M. C. C. rooms every Thursday evening. In connection with the society there is a Literary Circle which proves a source of great pleasure to the young ladies.

Father Sigismund Pirron's name is synonymous for kindness and devotedness to the poor and sick of his congregation. His intellectual attainments, his executive qualities, his business like transactions are among the sterling traits exemplified in the pastor of the Sacred Heart Church. He is also a man of deep religious fervor, imbued with the spirit of God, and is doing much good among his people by his inspiring sermons and pastoral prudence and tact.



### GEORGE EDWIN FRENCH.

GEORGE EDWIN FRENCH, who is one of the best known men in Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, has been a resident of the city since May 20, 1866, and has no difficulty in recalling the date of his arrival, as he reached the city on the initial trip of the old steamer "Keweenaw," which was caught in the ice for 14 hours. Mr. French was born November 5, 1848.

at Coteau du Lac, Soulanges County, Province of Quebec, Canada, and is a son of William A. and Amelia (Curry) French.

William French was born in the North of Ireland, June 9, 1819, and died June 4, 1897. In 1828 the family crossed the ocean to Canada and located in the vicinity of Toronto, where one of the forefathers of William French had served in some official capacity. The mother of our subject was born in Canada April 1, 1819, and now, at the age of 84 years, is an active resident of Ishpeming, Marquette County. Our subject is the third member of a family of 10 children, as follows: Priscilla Emily, who is the wife of Joseph S. Woods, of Ishpeming, Marquette County,—at their home the aged mother resides; William Alexander, who is proprietor of the Brunswick Hotel of Marquette; George Edwin, our subject; John Albert, formerly deputy sheriff and marshal, who died September 21, 1879, at Marquette; Alice Jane, born February 14, 1852, who died the following day; Permilla Ann, who married Thomas Craig and resides in the South; Mary Alvina, who married James McLeod, of San Francisco, California; Catherine Levena, who married George Gracy, who for the past 22 years has been superintendent for Governor Alger, at San Francisco; Pernelipa Ellen, who married James McCallum, who is clerking in Montreal, Canada; and Margaret Aurelia, the wife of Alexander Perry, who moved from Duluth, Minnesota, to a stock farm in the West.

Our subject lived at home in Canada until he attained the age of 14 years, when he left home to seek his fortune. He has followed various occupations, more or less successfully in former years, but always with integrity and industry. He first worked on a dairy farm in Monroe County, New York, for a year, made a little visit home and then came to the Lake Superior region of Michigan, and spent nine months at the old Calumet mine and in the copper country, and in the spring went to Marquette. His first work was at the Protestant Cemetery and then at the old Holyoke Silver Lead mine, one year later going to the Calumet mine. S. S. Curry, a relative, was mining captain at the New England mine at Ishpeming, and our subject worked under him for three years and then returned to Marquette. He next entered into a teaming business, working first for George Craig and later in his own interest, keeping from eight to ten horses. When he was well established he began



to deal in horses and in wood, lime, cement, shingles, charcoal and cedar posts, and found his time fully and profitably employed. He did much building and contracting in street work and for the past 14 years has held the contract for street sprinkling. For the past 20 years he has also dealt extensively in real estate. Over 30 years ago he assisted in the first cutting of timber where the old Munising furnace, near Grand Island, is located.

Mr. French was married at Marquette, Michigan, May 7, 1881, to Ellen S. Higgins, of Malone County, New York, who came to the Lake Superior region of Michigan 28 years ago. Politically Mr. French is a Republican and has served as supervisor for one year. He refused to be considered as a candidate for the office of alderman. For a number of years he has been fire warden. In Canada he was baptized in the English (Protestant Episcopal) Church, but later, when a resident of Michigan, joined the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. French belongs to the Catholic Church. Fraternally Mr. French belongs to Superior Tent, No. 28, K. O. T. M.

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### JOHN STEHLIN.

JOHN STEHLIN, who is engaged in a very successful shoe business at Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, which he has built up by his own enterprise, is one of the city aldermen. He is of German extraction, his parents having been born in Alsace-Lorraine. They came to America prior to his birth, and his father died at Hancock, at the age of 79 years. His mother, aged 82 years, is a beloved member of his household.

Mr. Stehlin was connected with mines and mining for a considerable period, for five years being a copper washer in the Quincy mill. In 1893 he left there and engaged in smelting work as a copper dipper, for five years. In 1898 he bought a half interest in the Calumet Brewery, and became treasurer of the company, but in 1900 he sold his interest and invested in a property in Hancock. This he remodeled, erecting a three-story building, and here for the past four years he has engaged in a large shoe business. Mr.





JAMES LISA.

Stehlin is a good citizen, and in 1903, when Hancock was incorporated a city, he was elected alderman from the Second Ward.

Mr. Stehlin married Bridget Buckley in 1890, and they have three bright and interesting children: Edward, born June 2, 1891; Cornelius, born April 17, 1893; and Elva, born July 30, 1896. In religious faith Mr. Stehlin and family are Catholics. Fraternally he belongs to the Woodmen and to the Knights of Columbus.



### JAMES LISA.

JAMES LISA, a general merchant of Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan, and one of the city's prominent business men, was born in 1845 at San Martino Canavese, Italy. As his father was in very moderate circumstances, the youth was obliged to leave school at the age of 12 years in order to assist and add to the family resources, but he continued to study, and received instruction from Professor Marta and two lady teachers by the name of Sissoldo, one of whom is since deceased, and the other of whom has since become a nun.

Our subject had made such progress in his studies that at the age of 16 years, when he met with Sir Knight Torreano, he attracted this nobleman's attention, and by him was encouraged to take a teaching course. This he did, and received his diploma, and although he has never used the same, he has not had cause to regret the training he received. In 1873 he came to America and settled immediately at Calumet, where he was employed first at the works of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company as a laborer, but after some eight months he went to Chicago, where he worked at various occupations until 1877, when he returned to Calumet and entered the employ of a grocer named Peroglio, soon after accepting a clerical position with the mercantile firm of Nappa & Company. In 1880 Mr. Lisa embarked in a grocery business of his own, at the present location of the Gardetto Building on Fifth street. From a very humble beginning his business kept on expanding until he was obliged to seek larger quarters and he rented a location across the

street, where Anthony Ester is now situated. His next change of place was to the present site of the Haas clothing store, but in 1890 he purchased the corner on Oak and Sixth street and there erected a substantial three-story building and filled it with a large stock of seasonable and first class merchandise. Mr. Lisa has prospered on account of his business ability and perseverance, and is now one of the substantial and respected citizens.

Prior to coming to America, Mr. Lisa married Martha Nida in Italy, and they have had a family of eight children born to them, seven of whom survive, viz.: Josephine, wife of Morris Bandettini, of Calumet, Michigan; Julia, bookkeeper in her father's store; Mary, a trained nurse at the Calumet & Hecla Hospital; Angeline, an assistant in her father's store; and Irene, Catherine and James, who are students. In politics Mr. Lisa is a Republican, and has served in the City Council. For 25 years he has been an Odd Fellow, and belongs also to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Perone,—an Italian society. Since 1895 he has served as consular agent for Italy for the Upper Peninsula. A portrait of Mr. Lisa accompanies this sketch.

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### HENRY DRITTLER.

HENRY DRITTLER, a gentleman of prominence and affluence of Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, was born in the city of Aalen, Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, June 6, 1826.

Mr. Drittler was educated in a mining school in his native country, and subsequently traveled in France and Switzerland, representing mining interests. Upon his return to Germany he worked at mining for five years, but imbued with the idea of a free country and a republican form of government, he was not content to remain in Germany. Passing into Switzerland, he immigrated to the United States, arriving in 1848, and first made his home in Philadelphia. In the fall of that year he went to Pittsburg, was employed there in a store until 1849, and then came to the Lake Superior region for a Pittsburg mining company. He operated at the Cliff mine on Keweenaw

Point until 1858, and then returned to Germany in October of that year, remaining in the fatherland until May, 1859. Upon his return to this section he engaged in work at the Quincy mine near Hancock until 1860, and then erected a building on the site where his sons now conduct their extensive business. He was made recruiting officer at Hancock during the Civil War, and rendered efficient service in that capacity. An instance of his devotion to the cause lies in the story of his difficulty with the Quincy Mining Company, which had sent to Norway and Sweden for men. When the 110 foreigners arrived Mr. Drittler met the boat and enlisted many of them for service in the army. The mining company protested vigorously, but he permitted no interference with the discharge of his duty and went so far as to threaten arrest to the members of the company, which threats would have been carried out had the company persevered in their policy. In 1869 Mr. Drittler's business was destroyed by the great fire which swept the town, but he immediately rebuilt and soon had the business running as before. He erected a handsome brick and stone building, which is one of the largest and best arranged in Houghton County. His business prospered and he carried it on until 1884, when he retired, being succeeded by his three sons, who conduct it under the firm name of Drittler Brothers. Our subject owns a great amount of property and is one of the substantial citizens of Hancock.

In 1852 Mr. Drittler was married to Fredericka Mertz, who was also born in Germany, and is a daughter of Henry Mertz. Of the 12 children born to them seven are deceased, of which number three were accidentally killed. Those living are: Pauline, widow of Joseph Linder, living in Hancock, Michigan; Henry, Jr., a member of the firm of Drittler Brothers; William H., also a member of the firm of Drittler Brothers; Amelia, who married Henry Funkey, of Hancock, Michigan, and has two children, Henry, Jr., and Ruth; and Bismarck, a member of the firm of Drittler Brothers. Henry Drittler, Jr., first married Maggie Ryan, a daughter of Conrad Ryan, and they had one son,—Henry. His second marriage was with Clara Scheurman, daughter of Philip Scheurman; they have one son,—Philip. Henry Drittler, Jr., is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Elks, Odd Fellows, Sons of Hermann and German Aid Society. William H. Drittler was married at Ann Arbor, Michigan, to Minnie Frank, daughter of William Frank, of De-

troit, Michigan, and four children have been born to them: Elsa; William F., deceased; Karl E.; and an infant son. William H. Drittler is a member of the Elks and Sons of Hermann. Bismarck Drittler married Tillie Rosenblatt, daughter of Henry Rosenblatt, and they have a son named Harvon. Bismarck Drittler is a member of the Eagles. The members of the Drittler family belong to the German Lutheran Church.

Henry Drittler has held various offices of public trust. He served three terms as treasurer of Hancock, several years as marshal, three years as justice of the peace and several terms as a member of the Village Council. He is a man of strong personality, and enjoys the friendship of all.



#### P. W. PHELPS.

P. W. PHELPS, a well known citizen of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, is a member of the insurance firm of Peter White & Company, which business enterprise was established by the two partners in 1890. It was the successor of the insurance business started by Hon. Peter White in 1854, and thus is probably the oldest firm of its kind in the State. Mr. Phelps was born at Marquette in 1865, and is a son of Rev. Josiah Phelps, who was rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of that city from 1862 to 1866. Rev. Phelps, who was a clergyman of prominence for many years, died in 1895, aged 70 years.

P. W. Phelps secured his education in the common schools and until 1882 made his home in Southern Michigan. From then to 1890 he was associated with Hon. Peter White in his bank, beginning as a messenger and rising to the position of assistant cashier. That he has been connected with Mr. White so long a period speaks for itself as to his business capacity and strict reliability.

Mr. Phelps was united in marriage in 1890, at Marquette, to the daughter of the president of the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway Company,

the occasion being one of social prominence. One daughter has been born to this marriage. Mr. Phelps is identified with the Masonic fraternity, being a Knight Templar and a member of Ahmed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Marquette. The family belong to the Protestant Episcopal Church.



### JAMES HOAR.

JAMES HOAR, general manager of the leading general mercantile firm of Lake Linden, Houghton County, Michigan, that of The E. F. Sutton Company, was born in Ontonagon County, Michigan, October 13, 1858. He is a son of Joseph and Mary (Rouse) Hoar, both of whom were born in Cornwall, England, and came to the United States about 1848.

Joseph Hoar was a miner by occupation and sought employment at the "Soo," in Canada, where he entered the Bruce mines. Later he removed to Ontonagon County, Michigan. His death occurred in 1865, at the age of 56 years. He was a man of exemplary life, honest and industrious. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity. In religious views he was a Methodist. The mother of our subject died January 1, 1901, at the age of 85 years. Of the parents' 13 children three survive, as follows: Ellen is the widow of H. D. Wilson, of Lake Linden, Michigan; James, of this sketch; and George, of Calumet, Michigan, chief time keeper for the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company.

James Hoar was educated in the common schools of Rockland, Ontonagon County, leaving his books at the age of 13 years to begin work in the old National mine, where he continued several years, and then removed to Lake Linden, Houghton County, where he entered the mercantile establishment of North & Briggs, in the humblest capacity. His industry and ability soon secured promotion, and he was made first a clerk, then book-keeper, and in 1901 was made general manager. In the meantime the firm



had been re-organized as The E. F. Sutton Company, incorporated, and one of the largest concerns in Houghton County. The immense stock of this company is housed and displayed in a building that has a frontage of 100 feet and a depth of 90 feet, with three floors and warehouse. Some 18 employes are kept engaged and the stock carried covers almost every branch of general merchandise. To ensure the proper handling of this stock expeditiously, economically and satisfactorily is but a part of Mr. Hoar's duties. He seems the right man in the right place, and by years of honest effort has secured the confidence and approbation of his employers. As a citizen he is much esteemed, taking part in movements for the general good and supporting heartily all home enterprises.

In 1888 Mr. Hoar married Mary E. Trembath, who was born in 1865 in Keweenaw County, Michigan, and is a daughter of James and Mary Trembach. One son has been born to this union, James, Jr. In politics Mr. Hoar is identified with the Republican party. He is one of the prominent Masons of the State, being a Knight Templar and Shriner, and is also an Odd Fellow.



### JOHN D. CRAWFORD.

JOHN D. CRAWFORD, the leading undertaker and only licensed embalmer at Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan, was born November 26, 1869, in Hancock on the property he now owns and occupies. He is a son of Daniel and Rhoda (Rice) Crawford, the former of whom was an undertaker at the present location, No. 300 Hancock street, for 35 years. Retiring finally from business and being succeeded by his son, our subject, Daniel Crawford removed to Detroit, Michigan, where he still resides.

John D. Crawford was reared in Hancock and there was educated. In 1886 he became associated in business with his father, the firm name being D. Crawford & Son, and, as stated, succeeded his father on the latter's retirement. Mr. Crawford holds a State embalmer's license, No. 397, which is

the only one held in Hancock. Since 1897 he has been superintendent of Lakeside Cemetery.

In 1894 Mr. Crawford married Frances H. Krellwitz, who is a daughter of Lewis and Helen (Trilling) Krellwitz, of Cheboygan, Michigan, and three children have been born to this union, namely: Helen Rhoda, born August 16, 1895; Donald J., born in February, 1898; and Ransom E., born in June, 1901. In politics Mr. Crawford is identified with the Republican party. Fraternally he belongs to the Elks, Knights of Pythias, Masons, Modern Woodmen of America, and Foresters. In religious belief he is an Episcopalian.

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#### FREDERICK PRICE.

FREDERICK PRICE, of the firm of Price Brothers, saloon proprietors at No. 154 Washington street, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, is one of the most widely known and successful business men of the city, and has proved his connection with the city by being a true citizen.

The birth of Frederick Price took place September 27, 1876, at Grand Island and he is one of a family of nine children born to Joseph and Marcos (Kennett) Price. Our subject's father was born in Quebec, Canada, and died at Marquette, Michigan, in 1895, at the age of 58 years. He served as light-house keeper at Grand Island, Michigan, for the last 19 years of his life; he had become crippled through an attack of rheumatism and was therefore obliged to relinquish active business pursuits and to accept the government position mentioned, the duties of which were not so difficult or onerous but that he could perform. His wife was born at Three Rivers, Quebec, and is still living, having reared a large family. Eight children constituted the family of which our subject was a member, namely: Louise, deceased; Selina, who married Timothy Duquette, and lives in Marquette, Michigan; Joseph, who married Louise Rose, and lives in Marquette; Annie, who married John Mault, and lives in Marquette; Thomas, who married Ida Constance and is the

partner of our subject in the saloon business in Marquette; Frederick, the subject of this sketch; and twins that died in infancy.

Frederick Price received his education in the schools of Marquette, and in 1900 entered in the saloon business with Thomas Price, his brother, under the firm name of Price Brothers. They now have the leading trade of Marquette.

Mr. Price married Cora Gertrude Jobe, daughter of Stephen M. Jobe, who was janitor of the First National Bank for 12 years, and who died from paralysis in 1901. Three children have come to our subject and wife: Eldredge F., born May 12, 1899; Vivian, who died an infant of nine months in 1901; and Verna, who died when one year of age in 1903. Our subject is a member of the Marquette Fire Department and is socially a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. His religious views lead him to the French Catholic Church.



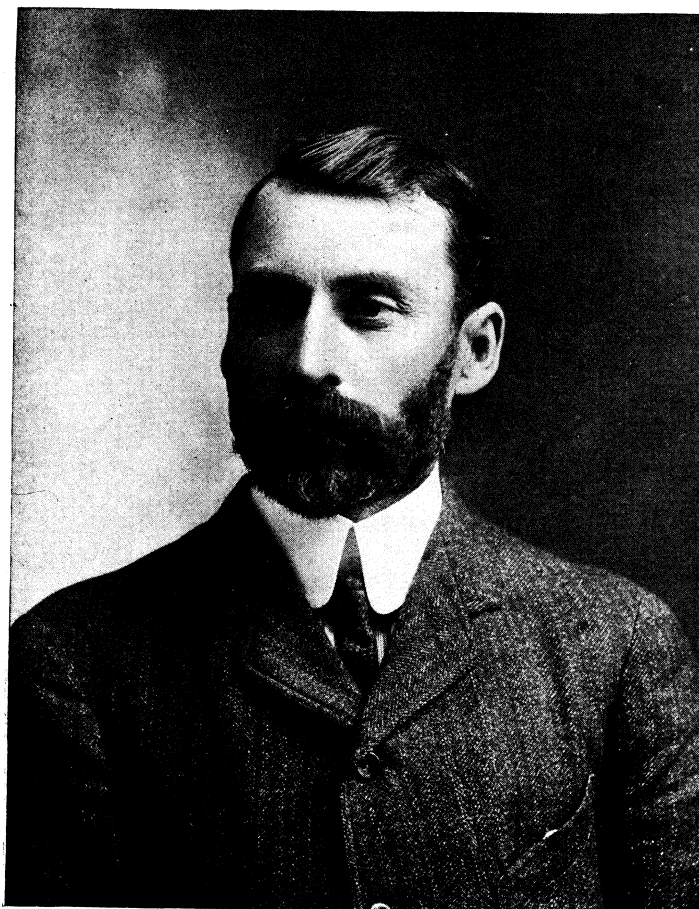
### JAMES BURT, SR.

JAMES BURT, SR., one of the pioneer business men of Houghton County, Michigan, is joint proprietor, with his son and namesake, of the James Burt Boiler Works, located at Ripley, which he established and has operated for the past 22 years. Mr. Burt was born in Upper Canada April 8, 1835, and removed in young manhood to Detroit, Michigan, and thence to Houghton County, where he familiarized himself with the boiler-making business. For 13 years he was associated with Hon. Carlos D. Sheldon, in the firm of Sheldon, Wanzer & Cleaves, and then entered into business for himself.

It has been more than 40 years since Mr. Burt located in Houghton County. His business was founded in a small way, but was pushed with enterprise and energy until it requires the space of 11 lots for the plant, and gives employment to about 22 men continuously, doing an extensive business in the manufacture and repair of steam boilers.

James Burt, Jr., was born at Ripley, Houghton County, Michigan, March





JAS. W. SHIELDS.

22, 1871, and has been connected with the boiler plant for the past 15 years. He attends largely to its conduct, being thoroughly conversant with every detail of the business and a practical boiler maker. This is one of the leading and successful industrial plants in the county. Although Mr. Burt is a staunch Republican, he gives comparatively little time to politics, his extensive business demanding his close attention. The family attend St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church.

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### JAMES W. SHIELDS.

JAMES W. SHIELDS, who has had a varied business career, is now superintendent of the Quincy stamp mills, and has served in that capacity since 1892. He is a very successful business man, and has many friends throughout Houghton County.

Mr. Shields was born in Hancock, Houghton County, in January, 1866, and is a son of James Shields. He received his primary education at Hancock, after which he became an apprentice in the machine shops under former Congressman Carlos D. Shelden. He remained there three years, then became connected with the Marquette, Houghton & Ontonagon Railroad shops at Marquette, where he worked six months. He next worked seven years in the shops of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company,—three years at the mill and four years at the mines. In 1891 he went west to Montana to accept a position with the Anaconda Smelting Company, and remained one year, then returned to Michigan, where he worked under Capt. William Dunn at the Boston mine for a short time. He afterward returned to the machine shops where he learned his trade, which are now owned by W. S. Cleaves & Son, continuing there for three years. He accepted a position as instructor in the Michigan College of Mines, at Houghton, in the machine department under Prof. Edgar Kidwell, and was identified with that institution for a period of six years. He also took a course of instruction while there and was graduated. He left that institution to become assistant to A. L. Burgan,

superintendent of the Tamarack and Osceola stamp mills, remaining two and a half years, then in 1892 accepted his present position as superintendent of the Quincy stamp mills, located on the Mineral Range Railroad. By reason of long experience he is well qualified for the position and has rendered the company faithful service.

In 1894 Mr. Shields was united in marriage with Mary C. Butler, a daughter of James and Alice (Ley) Butler. She is one of seven children born to her parents, namely: James, who lives at Ripley, Houghton County; Mary, wife of our subject; Elizabeth, wife of Arthur Fenley, of Hancock, Michigan; John, who lives at Mason, Houghton County; Alice, wife of David Sweeney, of Hancock, Michigan; Flossie, who is a graduate of the Hancock public schools; and Chester, who is living at Mason, Houghton County. Mr. and Mrs. Shields are parents of three children, as follows: C. Parker, born July 18, 1895; Elva Butler, born August 12, 1898; and Joseph Ransom, born August 11, 1901. Fraternally our subject is a Mason and a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. The family attend the Congregational Church. A portrait of Mr. Shields, executed from a recent photograph, accompanies this sketch.

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### THOMAS CUMMINGS.

THOMAS CUMMINGS, who for the past 23 years has had full charge of the wash department of the Tamarack and Osceola mills at South Lake Linden, Houghton County, Michigan, was born December 22, 1843, in County Waterford, Ireland. He is a son of Richard and Mary Cummings, who came to America in 1852. Richard Cummings settled at Detroit, Michigan, but in 1854 came as a miner to the Lake Superior mining region, and died here in 1865. His widow died in Sacramento, California, July 25, 1901. Of their family of 12 children our subject is the only survivor.

Thomas Cummings was eight years old when he came to the United States, and can recall many events of his early life in his native land. He obtained his common school education in Houghton County, although at the

age of 12 years he was considered old enough to enter the stamp mills and thus provide for his own support. Mr. Cummings has been a faithful and reliable employe, as is evidenced by his promotion as superintendent of the wash department of the mills, a position he has held for almost a quarter century.

In 1864 Mr. Cummings married Mary Condon, who is a daughter of Patrick Condon, of Toronto, Canada. A family of 14 children has been born to them, nine of these still surviving, namely: Richard, born March 26, 1865; Catherine, born August 3, 1867, who is the wife of John Kramer, Mr. Cummings' assistant at the Tamarack and Osceola mills; Margaret, born October 4, 1873, who married Albert Theilman, superintendent of the wash department of the Quincy stamp mill, and has three children,—Thomas, Margaret and Winnifred; Mary, born August 9, 1874, who married James Rodgers, a mill worker, and they have one child,—Irene; Ellen, born August 6, 1876, who married Henry Amos, a machinist at the stamp mill, and has one child, Adelaide Nancy; John, born April 25, 1880, who is a worker in the mill; Blanche, born August 5, 1885, who is at home; James, born June 17, 1887, who is attending school, as is also the youngest son, William, who was born January 15, 1891.



### WALTER S. PRICKETT.

WALTER S. PRICKETT, who is widely known as the proprietor of the Roycroft Farms of Sidnaw, Houghton County, Michigan, was born at Medford, New Jersey, June 25, 1864.

Mr. Prickett is a son of Joshua and Rebecca (Lamb) Prickett, both of whom reside at Marinette, Wisconsin. Joshua Prickett was for many years a millwright, but is now living a retired life. He and his wife have reared three children, as follows: Dora, wife of George L. Mauzy, of Marinette, Wisconsin; Harry, a machinist who also lives at Marinette; and Walter S., our subject.



Walter S. Prickett first came to Michigan in 1893, and engaged in logging for Miles Wheeler at Ewen, Michigan, where he worked two years. He then spent two years in the same business, employed by J. & W. Flatt, after which he went into the logging business for himself in Northern Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota, making headquarters at Sidnaw, Michigan. He is now dealing in lands and timber, and breeding sheep and Angora goats on his farms. He is owner of the Roycroft Farms, whose 300 acres of highly improved and well cultivated meadows and grain fields lie upon three sides of the village of Sidnaw. The new and model sheep barns, lambing barn and hospital, and 300 feet of sheep sheds, together with the horse and carriage barns, office and warehouse, all grouped within the village limits, are among the leading attractions of the place and first to command the attention of visitors. These farm buildings are models of their kind, constructed with every modern convenience, regardless of cost, and are admirably suited for the housing, breeding, lambing, nursing, feeding, dipping and shearing of sheep and goats. The yards and corrals are almost encircled with clear trout brooks that afford superb watering places that never freeze, and with the numerous and elegant buildings occupying high, clean, dry sandy loam, is one exactly suited to the successful handling of sheep and Angora goats, of which there are now on the farm about 600 head, exclusive of the young lambs and kids. The 300 acres of improved land, from which nearly all the stumps have been taken, constitute a very small part of the farm, but in this new country, with its far reaching and magnificent stretches of primitive woodland, the farm improvements seem more like the creation of magic than the work of human hands. From Duluth to Negaunee there are no farm improvements at all comparable with them. Miles of the finest and most substantial cedar post and wire fence enclose the fields and buildings which look more like a section of some old baronial estate than a pioneer farm in the wildwoods of Northern Michigan. Mr. Prickett has made his money in these northern wilds and with unequaled nerve, spirit and ambition has spent thousands of dollars in rescuing these well cleared fields from the wide waste of stump and brush lands, giving them as object lessons to the unbelieving lumber public that for a generation refused to credit this country with agricultural possibilities. He grows as magnificent crops of oats, barley, peas,

rape, turnips and hay as an Englishman does for balanced sheep feeding, and here, almost on the northern border of the United States has solved a shepherd's problem in the keeping of a thousand mutton breed sheep in one flock successfully. His courage and tact and determination have never once failed him in what looked to be an uncertain venture. Year by year the stumps and brush disappear from new clearings, new fields are broken, enclosed and consecrated to clover, timothy and the golden hoof and fleece. While others have stood by and criticised him for the folly of spending his money in the wilds, he has made grass grow where it never grew before, and achieved success in an entirely new field of business for this section of the State.



### EDWARD T. ABRAMS, M. D.

EDWARD T. ABRAMS, M. D., is located at Dollar Bay, Houghton County, Michigan, where he is physician and surgeon for a number of mining and manufacturing companies, and in addition maintains an office in Hancock, where he is to be found every afternoon. He is a man of recognized skill in the profession, and has a well established practice. Dr. Abrams was born at Eagle River, Keweenaw County, Michigan, November 20, 1860, and is a son of Michael and Lydia (Chegwin) Abrams.

Michael Abrams was born in Cornwall, England, and came to America in 1858, passing one year in Connecticut. He came to the Lake Superior mining region in 1859, and lived in this region until his death at Calumet, in 1889. He married Lydia Chegwin, a daughter of Alexander Chegwin, of Cornwall, England, who was a large mining contractor, and died in Cornwall in 1870. The Chegwins are direct descendants of the Keigwins of Mouses' Hole, Cornwall, through which family the ancestry can be traced back to the time of King Edward I. Our subject is one of seven children, as follows: Dr. Edward T.; Annie, wife of James D. Jones, of Calumet, Michigan; Harry, who lives at Calumet, Michigan; Amelia, wife of William Terrell, of Great Falls, Montana; James, a physician and surgeon of Red Jacket,

Michigan; Susan, wife of James Simmons, of Calumet, Michigan; and Lydia, wife of Oscar Robbins, of Great Falls, Montana.

Dr. Edward T. Abrams received his primary education in the public schools of Houghton County, and at the early age of 13 years went to work in a blacksmith shop. He continued at that occupation for nearly six years, and then taught school, in that way acquiring enough money to permit him to procure an education. He was graduated from Dartmouth College and also attended Detroit Medical College and the Long Island College Hospital. He first practiced medicine with Dr. A. I. Lawbaugh, with whom he had previously studied, and in 1890 located in Dollar Bay, where he is now physician for the same corporation that formerly employed him in the blacksmith shop. He is also physician for the Lake Superior Smelting Company, the Dollar Bay Land Improvement Company and the Hancock Chemical Company. He also has a good practice in Hancock.

In 1890 Dr. Abrams was joined in marriage with Ida L. Howe, of Howell, Michigan, a daughter of Seymour E. Howe, who is a farmer of that vicinity. One daughter, Marguerite, was born to them and died in infancy. The Doctor is a Mason and Knight Templar, Sons of St. George, Modern Woodmen of America and Knights of the Maccabees. Religiously he is a member of the Congregational Church. In 1902 Olivett College conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, to which he was elected in 1902.

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### JOHN HALDANE EDWARDS.

JOHN HALDANE EDWARDS, a well known citizen of Dollar Bay, Houghton County, Michigan, is superintendent and secretary and treasurer of the Hancock Chemical Company, manufacturers of dynamite and nitric acid.

His father was the late Rev. John Edwards, an honored minister of the Baptist denomination. Until his death in 1866, at the age of 58, he did faith-

ful service, both as pastor of several churches in the Ottawa district and later as promoter of the celebrated Grand Ligne Mission, whose claims he advocated most successfully in Great Britain as well as in Canada. It was while too assiduously engaged thus in London, England, that the fatal note of warning was sounded by paralysis at so comparatively early an age. A good man in every sense of the word, and one who particularly excelled in individual Christian work. To him his children feel deeply indebted, not only for the upright principles which he instilled (untruthfulness was criminal and treated as such,) but also for the drill which he gave them in much that was practical and closely related to success in life.

The mother of our subject was Sarah Plimsoll, a daughter of Joseph Plimsoll, of Plymouth, Devonshire, England, who removed to Canada in 1834, accompanied by his wife, nee Ann Wakeham, and family, consisting of nine daughters and two sons. The daughters all settled in Canada, excepting one who went with her husband to Australia. The elder of the sons was Dr. Joseph Plimsoll, who for 52 years was a surgeon in the Royal Navy. Having been wounded at the famous siege of Acre in 1840, he retired on half pay, and was later honored by the title of staff surgeon. He was a man of brilliant literary parts and a most prolific writer of both poetry and prose. The younger son, William, died in the prime of manhood, near London, Ontario, Samuel Plimsoll—for many years member for Derby in the English Parliament, and who worked so hard in the interests of the sailors—was a first cousin of Dr. and Sarah Plimsoll. The "Plimsoll" mark, which is now used on all vessels leaving British ports, came from his work, and has been the means of preventing the overloading of vessels, so that the title by which he is known, viz. "The Seamen's Friend," was well earned. In religion both Sarah and Dr. Plimsoll were stanch Baptists, and the Doctor always took a lively and practical interest in all the work of the denomination.

Mr. Edwards' mother, now in her 87th year, is still living in Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada, where she enjoys good health, and keeps up a wonderful correspondence, her firm hand and good eyesight being marvelous for one of her age. Her daughter, Lydia Agnes, lives with her, while her son Joseph is manager of the Londonderry Iron Company, 19 miles from Truro.

Mr. Edwards received his primary education at Clarence, Canada, then

attended the grammar school at Kingston, and still later a French school—"La Grand Ligne"—near Montreal. After mastering the French language he later graduated at a public school in Montreal. After his father's death, in 1866, he entered the hardware business in Montreal and continued in it for 10 years. During this period he became a member of the Victoria Rifles, in which corps he became lieutenant of No. 6 Company. He took a great interest in rifle shooting, and won many prizes, both in cash and kind, using the old Snider-Enfield rifle. In 1877 he competed for the Wimbledon team of 20 which is sent to England every year to represent Canada at the annual meet of the National Rifle Association; having won his way on the team, he went over in June, 1878, and had the honor of winning the first prize in the Colonial match, making a score of 34 out of a possible 35 at 500 yards. The prize was £10 sterling, and was presented to him by Prince Arthur. Some idea may be had of the number of shots present at this meeting of the National Rifle Association when no less than 2,498 men entered for the Queen's prize match, the entrance fee being £3 per man. Before his vacation of two and a half months had elapsed he visited the Exposition in Paris, then Devonshire, Scotland and the North of Ireland before returning home. On his return he went to Capelton and engaged in a general mercantile business until July, 1884, when R. W. Warren arranged with him to come to the Lake Superior region and construct a dynamite manufacturing plant. This he did, and after its completion managed it until Mr. Warren's return, two years later. He was then made secretary and treasurer of the Hancock Chemical Company, located near Dollar Bay, Michigan, where they are engaged in the manufacture of dynamite and nitric acid. Since Mr. Warren's death, in 1893, Mr. Edwards has filled the office of superintendent, in addition to that of secretary and treasurer. The company enjoys a very extensive trade throughout the mining district, and has paid a large sum in dividends.

In 1881 Mr. Edwards was united in the bonds of matrimony with Edith Pearce, of Lenoxville, Canada, a daughter of Stephen Theodore and Emma Jane (Bourne) Pearce. At the time of their marriage her father was a mining engineer and was associated with R. W. Warren, under General Newton, in the blowing up of Hell Gate, in New York harbor. Six children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, namely: Beatrice, born in 1882;

Winnifred, born in 1886; Stanley, who died in infancy; Dorothy, born in 1893; Marjorie, born in 1897; and Robert Haldane, born in August, 1900. Politically our subject is a strong Republican. He was one of the promoters of the Portage Lake Baptist Church of Hancock, established in 1889, since which time he has been deacon and secretary and treasurer of the board of trustees.



### JOHN F. MACK, SR.

JOHN F. MACK, SR. For almost a half century Marquette, Michigan, has known John F. Mack. He stands to-day an example of what pluck, perseverance, industry and determination will accomplish. It is a long course he has covered from the May day in 1854 when his first humble task was performed in Marquette, to the present, when he stands before his fellow citizens the equal of any, the superior of many, both in material substance and in public esteem.

Mr. Mack was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, January 22, 1836, and was a youth of 18 years when he came to the United States and on the 8th of May, 1854, landed in Marquette. His education was that of the German public schools, but the English language he still had to learn in a strange country. Upon reaching Marquette, Michigan, his sturdy physique and honest appearance soon obtained him employment, and work was assigned him on the construction of the plank road from the iron mines to Marquette. Over this road was delivered the first iron ore to the small vessels at Marquette. The long summer of 1854 was spent at this labor. In the spring of 1855 he secured work with the gang of carpenters which built the first dock used in the shipping of iron ore in the Northern Peninsula, and he was by no means the least useful member of this sturdy body of men. The two following years were spent driving a team through these remote regions for the Collins Iron Company from Collinsville to Marquette. It was in the year 1858 that he began his contracting operations, engaging to haul all the coal used in the Collins iron furnace, an undertaking he accomplished under circumstances

only to be properly appreciated by those who are familiar with the locality and the prevailing conditions. Other contracts which Mr. Mack most completely and satisfactorily filled were those made in 1859, to bring all the iron ore by railroad to the furnace and all the completed iron from the furnace back to the railroad. This huge contract required the years 1859, 1860 and 1861 to complete. In the spring of 1862 this energetic and resourceful man took charge of the Morgan furnace, which included all outside work, such as making all the charcoal used by the furnace, this latter item being one of vast proportions. Mr. Mack continued to be engaged there until 1869, and even up to 1871 had full charge of all operations, resigning his connection in this year.

In the fall of 1871 Mr. Mack purchased the ground upon which is now situated his handsome brick block, on the southeast corner of Washington street. By careful management and investment he was able, in 1872, to erect a portion of this handsome structure, which he completed in the following year, and which is now known all over the city as the Mack Block,—a commodious, handsome and convenient building, with dimensions of 63½ by 98 feet. After its completion Mr. Mack opened up a grocery business in it, which, however, he personally conducted less than a year, selling out to Coleman Holtup, and resuming his contracting business. In the spring of 1872 he accepted a contract to build a State road, 37 miles in length, from Chocolay to the Bay furnace, this stupendous job being completed by 1873. He then purchased two lime kilns in Marquette, later extending his business operations to also include a wood yard, and with continued prosperity kept these enterprises in operation until 1873.

In that year Mr. Mack again embarked in a grocery business, adding also a meat store, and locating the same in his own business block, and was the financial head of this business until 1890. In 1889, in association with other men of capital and business foresight, he entered upon the mining of iron ore, which has ever since claimed the greater part of his time and attention. His other business lines were closed out in 1896 and his interests are now claimed by mining companies in which he is a large shareholder.

In business those who have had dealings with John F. Mack have found a man of strict integrity, one who under all and every circumstance fulfills

every bond he makes. He has achieved financial success, not through luck, as some unsuccessful competitors might suggest, but through pluck, plenty of which he needed in those early days when he endured hardships, exposure to the elements and all manner of inconveniences and trials in completing business compacts upon which rested the future development of the remote localities. He stands very high in the estimation of his fellow citizens and the history of the Northern Peninsula for the past half century can not be fairly written without comment on his accomplishments.

On January 22, 1857, Mr. Mack was united in marriage with Mary Siegel. Their seven children are all grown to maturity and are comfortably settled in homes of their own, respected members of society.

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#### HENRY R. HARRIS.

HENRY R. HARRIS, general manager of the Lake Superior & Ishpeming Railway, and also of the Marquette & Southeastern Railway, was born July 31, 1861, at Beloit, Wisconsin.

Mr. Harris is one of the best known railroad men in the country, having been connected with railroad business from 1876, when he accepted a position as clerk and operator for the Chicago & North-Western Railway, which he retained until December, 1880, becoming then until June, 1889, clerk to the general superintendent of the Detroit, Lansing & Northern Railroad. From July, 1889, to February, 1890, he was rodman with the construction corps of the Chicago & West Michigan Railway; from February to May, 1890, he served with the Central of Georgia Railway, the Chicago & North-Western Railway, and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway, in various capacities; from May, 1890, to May, 1892, he officiated as clerk to the superintendent of the Northern Division of the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railway; from May, 1892, to May, 1893, he was a superintendent of The Pullman Company, and from then to February, 1897, he was master of transportation of the Northern Division of the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railway. Since



February, 1897, he has been the capable general manager of the Lake Superior & Ishpeming Railway, and since October, 1900, has also been general manager of the Marquette & Southeastern, and since July, 1901, has been general manager of the Munising Railway. As will be seen, Mr. Harris has given his whole life to railroad work, and on account of proficiency has been promoted from one position to the other.

Mr. Harris married Edna Watson, who was born in Marquette, and is a daughter of E. M. Watson.

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### HON. GEORGE WAGNER.

HON. GEORGE WAGNER, one of the leading citizens of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, who, if not prominent as a statesman, is conspicuous in the Northern Peninsula on account of his explorations and expert mineral knowledge, was born near the city of Coblenz, Prussia, Germany, November 7, 1834. In 1853 he came to the United States and was one of the early settlers at Marquette, in 1854.

Mr. Wagner is one whose personality would have brought him to the front in any community, and his ability was soon recognized by the settlers in and around Marquette. He was made a justice of the peace as early as 1860, and was re-elected in 1864, and during the latter year was appointed census marshal for Schoolcraft County. During 1867 and 1868 he was township treasurer, and in 1872 was elected an alderman of Marquette, these various offices being occupied efficiently and in the interests of the people. As supervisor of the Fourth Ward of the city Mr. Wagner proved most useful and served through 1888, 1889 and 1890, and was again elected in 1898, serving also as deputy United States marshal from 1881 to 1885.

Politically Mr. Wagner has always been a staunch Republican, and has taken an active part in elections since 1856, when he cast his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont. In the sessions of 1889-90, 1891-92-93 and 1894 he represented the First District of Marquette County as a member of

the Michigan Legislature, introducing some of the best bills and advocating the wisest measures ever brought before the House. He has always been a most earnest advocate of educational and charitable movements and is recalled as the introducer of the Upper Peninsula Insane Asylum Bill, which passed in the session of 1893.

In business life Mr. Wagner has followed contracting, and he laid the first tram road from the Jackson mine to the Cleveland mine, in 1855. In 1863 he built a sawmill at Grand Island Harbor; in 1867 he was one of the founders of the Bay Furnace Company at the same point, and in 1871 he erected sawmills at Laughing Fish Point, Alger County, 20 miles east of Marquette. About 1874 he discontinued work and interested himself in exploring and in handling valuable tracts of land. In 1881 he discovered the Breitung iron mine, 20 miles east of the "Soo," of which he is now superintendent. The mining company that operates this property is capitalized at \$3,000,000, and is organized under the laws of Canada, and is known as the Lime Lake Iron Company, Limited.

Mr. Wagner is one of the self made men of the country. His educational advantages were only those of the common schools of Germany, and it was only by close application that he learned the English language after coming to the United States. He is not only a man of physical strength and wonderful endurance, but he is also unusually gifted mentally, and possesses in marked degree those admirable attributes which make of men of his land examples of sturdy honesty and unimpeachable integrity.



### JAMES PRYOR.

JAMES PRYOR, who has been a resident of Houghton County, Michigan, almost continuously since 1852, is a well known contractor of the village of Houghton, and for many years was actively engaged in the mining business. Mr. Pryor was born October 4, 1833, in Devonshire, England, and is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth Pryor, being the 12th of 14 children born to them.

Joseph Pryor was a mine agent in England, and came to America in 1852, locating with his family on Lake Superior, at Eagle River, Keweenaw County, Michigan. He died at Houghton in 1858.

James Pryor attended school until he was 16 years old, then worked in the mines in England until 1852, when he came with his parents to this country. Here he worked first as a miner and later became captain of the Albion mine. In 1853 he moved to Portage Lake and helped to locate the New Albion mine at Houghton. He attended Gregory Commercial College at Detroit, graduating in 1854, and in 1855 went back to England, where he was married. He returned to this country in 1857 and was again engaged in the mining business in Houghton County, and in 1859 he was appointed captain of the Columbian mine and served one year, then took charge of the Boston mine near Eagle River, in Keweenaw County, for three years. He next went to Eagle Harbor, Keweenaw County, where he engaged in the mercantile business until the fall of 1868, and then spent two years as surface superintendent of the Franklin Mining Company in Houghton County. In the spring of 1870 he engaged with the Portage Lake & Lake Superior Ship Canal Company as chief bookkeeper and cashier, and held that position until the canal was completed in 1873, when he was given general charge of the company's business as superintendent. At the same time he served as secretary and treasurer of the Portage Lake & River Improvement Company, continuing in these capacities until 1892, when the canals were sold to the United States government. Since 1892 he has been a general contractor for the construction of public works, and river and harbor improvements at Houghton. He has taken and completed a number of important government contracts and has been very successful. He also owns and conducts a lumber yard under the firm name of James Pryor & Son,—John C. Pryor being junior member and active manager. Mr. Pryor served as township clerk and school inspector in the early days, and has the distinction of having been the first county superintendent of schools in Keweenaw County.

Mr. Pryor was first married in England, in 1855, to Emily Warne, who died in 1863, leaving three children: Joseph F., a dredge engineer; Charles H., now deceased, who was manager of the planing mill of his father; and

James R., a machinist and engineer. Mr. Pryor was again married, July 6, 1865, in England, to Isabella J. Chappell, who died leaving four children, namely: Edwin J., a mechanical engineer, who died July 7, 1899, at the aged of 33 years; Reginald C., a civil and mining engineer, now president of the Citizens' National Bank of Houghton, Michigan, whose sketch is given on pages 92 and 93 of this work; W. T., an architect, who died in 1899, at the age of 29 years; and John C., who is now managing the lumber mill of James Pryor & Son. May 1, 1877, our subject married Mary J. Gale, and they have six children: Blanche E. L., Alfred Tennyson, Estelle Belle, Francis C. G., Ethel J. and Clarence E. Mr. Pryor was formerly an Odd Fellow, and filled all the chairs of that order. He has always been a firm supporter of the Republican party, but has never sought office. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Houghton, Michigan, which he helped to establish in 1853.

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#### N. F. KAISER.

N. F. KAISER, village clerk of Red Jacket, is one of the most active and rising young men of Houghton County. He was born in Red Jacket in 1879, and is a son of J. D. Kaiser.

J. D. Kaiser is a native of Luxemburg, Germany, but has been a resident of Red Jacket for the past forty years, and is the proprietor of a well established wagon and carriage works of that place. He engaged in the wagon and carriage manufacturing business with Judge Curtis, under the firm name of Kaiser & Curtis, the latter withdrawing from the firm in 1885. Mr. Kaiser makes a specialty of wagon and carriage manufacture and also holds a large trade in repairing and blacksmithing in connection, employing several mechanics about the works.

Mrs. J. D. Kaiser is also living and has reared six children,—three sons and three daughters,—two sons being employed in the father's shop.

N. F. Kaiser received his education in Calumet, completing the course

prescribed in the Calumet High School in 1896. He then engaged as book-keeper at the Tamarack store, where he remained until March, 1901, when he went to the "Soo" and engaged with the Sault Ste. Marie Lumber Company and worked until January, 1902. Returning to Calumet, he engaged with the Godfrey & Son Company, working until August 1, 1902, when he was chosen as secretary of the City Water Board of Calumet, which office he still holds. In March, 1903, he was elected village clerk, and is performing the duties of that office. He also has charge of the city's part of the Opera House of which John D. Cuddihy is manager. In addition to his other positions, he is a notary public, having received his commission from Governor Bliss.

Socially our subject is a member of the B. P. O. Elks and the A. O. U. W., and religiously he is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

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### R. M. BURDON, M. D.

R. M. BURDON, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, was born at Green Bay, Wisconsin, in 1874, and is a son of S. H. and Adelaide (Howard) Burdon.

S. H. Burdon was born in England, and came to this country at a very early age, locating near Green Bay, Wisconsin, where he came to own a fine tract of land and carried on farming in a scientific manner. He continued upon the farm until he met his death by accident in 1880. Mrs. Burdon was born in Inverness-shire, Scotland, and came to this country after her marriage. Her father served in the war with India, in which he lost his life. His family was well connected in Scotland, and his widow was the only one of the family to come to America. Our subject has two brothers and two sisters, namely: R. T., a real estate and insurance man of Green Bay, Wisconsin; J. C., who was at one time very successful in West Superior mining operations, but lost heavily in the panic of 1893, and has since lived in the

West, being now located in California; Mrs. John Russell, of Iron Mountain, Michigan; and Mrs. E. Low, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Burdon family is one of the best known and earliest of Brown County, Wisconsin. Dr. R. M. Burdon's early life was spent on the farm and in attendance at the Green Bay schools. While attending high school he determined upon entering the medical profession, and for a period of five years studied under the preceptorship of the noted physician, Dr. J. R. Minnehan, at the latter's hospital at Green Bay. He subsequently entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated June 15, 1899. Returning to Green Bay, he remained a brief period in the hospital, and on September 1, 1899, removed to Houghton, where he enjoys a large and constantly increasing practice. He has fine offices in the Mason-Douglass Building on Sheldon street, and is examiner for a number of lodges and insurance companies. Fraternally he is a member of Houghton Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

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### RICHARD WILKINSON.

RICHARD WILKINSON,\* a general merchant at Chassell, Houghton County, Michigan, was born in 1843 in Dublin, Ireland, in which city he was educated at a private boarding school. Like many another successful man, Mr. Wilkinson began to be a wage earner at an early age, being only 11 years old when he became connected with a wholesale house. His wages of three shillings a week for the first year were considered quite satisfactory at that time.

Mr. Wilkinson continued with this firm until he was about 25 years old, and then started from home to see something of the world. During his years of travel he followed various occupations and gained much useful experience. His first visit was to Scotland, going from there to London, where he spent 18 months. He then crossed the ocean to Barrie, Ontario, Canada, and in 1881 came over the border into Michigan. He located at Negaunee

as storekeeper for some concentrating works, later becoming an employe of F. W. Reed & Company at the supply store at Eagle Mills. In 1890 he removed to Chassell and entered into partnership with his son-in-law, Mr. McLaughlin, which continued a year and a half. Since then Mr. Wilkinson has carried on the business by himself and was postmaster during four years of the administration of President Harrison. At the same time he was express agent and in 1899 was elected justice of the peace. Mr. Wilkinson owns and operates the only store in the town of Chassell except a company store.

In the city of Dublin Mr. Wilkinson was married to Christina MacLaren, who was born at Edinburgh, Scotland, and who died at Chassell in January, 1901. Six children were born to this union, as follows: Edward James, in business with his father; Amelia A., wife of James Machlan Campbell, of California; Elizabeth J., who married Walter W. Warner; Christina, a trained nurse at Houghton, Michigan; and Mary A. and Francis, who are at home.

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### ALEXANDER MARTIN.

ALEXANDER MARTIN,\* proprietor of the Vendome Hotel at Baraga, Baraga County, Michigan, and one of the town's prominent citizens, was born in 1846 in Brussels, Belgium, and is a son of John J. and Adeline B. (Osel) Martin, the surviving members of the family at the present time being our subject and two sisters. The latter are: Celine, who married Francis Hannan, of Green Bay, Wisconsin; and Marie Eleanor Odrate, who married Joseph Dyne, now deceased, and lives at Green Bay. Joseph Dyne was a soldier in the Civil War and died from disease there contracted.

Alexander Martin was about five years old when his parents came to America and settled near Philadelphia, at Manyunk. Shortly after they removed to Green Bay, Wisconsin, which at that time was an insignificant town, and there they reared their children. Alexander commenced business

life in the capacity of clerk in a clothing store at the age of 14 years, and the outbreak of the Civil War found him there.

In the spring of 1862, when 17 years old, Mr. Martin enlisted in Company G, 17th Reg., Wisconsin Vol. Inf., as a drummer boy, and saw hard service in the armies of the West and the Potomac and accompanied General Sherman on that memorable march to the sea. He took part in the siege of Vicksburg and later returned with his command for three months to this beleaguered and conquered city. It was his fortune to also participate in the battle of Gettysburg and at the time of the surrender of General Lee he was with Sherman's forces near Richmond.

At the close of the war Mr. Martin returned to Green Bay, having escaped both wounds and imprisonment, although he faced many marvellous adventures and often was in great danger of both life and liberty. Mr. Martin then passed some time on a Wisconsin farm and in 1871 he came to the Northern Peninsula and engaged in clerking until he embarked in the business for himself, in 1886, remaining at Bayfield from 1887 until 1895, when he removed to Baraga. He conducted the McKinley House in Baraga for five years, and in 1899 took charge of the Vendome Hotel, where he has been established ever since. He is a very popular host and by those kindnesses, courtesies and comforts which warm the weary traveler's heart, he has won the bulk of the patronage in the town.

On April 23, 1868, Mr. Martin married Adelaide Gauyan, who was born at Kewaunee, Wisconsin. No children have been born to this union, but Mr. and Mrs. Martin have given kindness and protection to three adopted children. Fraternally Mr. Martin is associated with the Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Martin comes of old and distinguished ancestry. From the "Dictionnaire Geographic," a reliable work of 4 volumes published in 1854 at Brussels, we learn that three brothers of the name of Martin were living in Paris in the latter part of the 17th century who were so renowned as duelists that they had been given the name of "Batailles." One was a painter of great renown, who painted many of the battles fought by Louis XIV. Another was a noted diplomat, sent to the court of Vienna as an ambassador by King Louis. The third fought under King Louis XIV in the war for the



Spanish succession. In 1706 many French soldiers settled near Ramillies and one was a Martin who located in the parish of Dionleval, married and lived there until 1732, leaving children, the eldest, Jean, being nicknamed "Batailles." He died in 1798, a very old man, leaving children by his wife, Barbara Raillet. The children divided the land into five equal parts, of which Ambrose Martin, our subject's grandfather, received one share.

Ambrose Martin was born in 1765 and died in 1852. He reared two children through his marriage to Jeannie Joseph Delfosse, namely: Jean, the father of our subject; and Annie, who married Joseph Masy. Ambrose Martin served in the Napoleonic wars and was a soldier under Napoleon Bonaparte at the battle of Waterloo. Our subject has a very interesting collection of his grandfather's accoutrements and the musket he carried on that memorable occasion. When his father brought it to America it had the old flint lock, which he had later replaced by a modern tube and percussion hammer.

Jean Martin, the father of our subject, was born November 2, 1804, in Paris, and died November 21, 1870, at Green Bay, Wisconsin. His wife, a native of Belgium, died September 17, 1874. The six children who have passed away are as follows: Constant Joseph, Xavier, Martin Leon, Pierre Joseph, Desire and Elsie Xavier.

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### MICHAEL J. KEMP.

MICHAEL J. KEMP,\* vice-president of the Bosch Brewing Company, and a prominent citizen of Laurium, Houghton County, Michigan, was born in 1872 at Port Washington, Wisconsin. He is a son of Nicholas and Susan (Kass) Kemp, both of whom were born in Germany.

Nicholas Kemp was born in the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, Germany, and died near Port Washington, Wisconsin, in 1887. He was a maltster and brewer and was half owner and had full charge of the Ozaukee County Malting Company at the time of his death. He came to the United

States at the age of 18 years and located first in Kenosha County, Wisconsin, where he engaged in farm work until 1849, going then to the California gold fields. Two years later he returned to Kenosha County, having been very successful, and engaged for a time in a mercantile business at Port Washington. He was a man of intelligence and integrity and held a number of the local offices. In politics he was a stanch Democrat. Religiously he was connected with the Catholic Church. He married Susan Kass, who was born in Moselle, Germany, and died in Wisconsin in 1893, aged 60 years. Six of their 11 children still survive, viz: Elizabeth, who resides at Lake Linden, the widow of N. G. Poull; Barbara, who married Nicholas Daniels, a farmer of Kenosha County, Wisconsin; Kate, who is the wife of Joseph Bosch, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Mary, the wife of Joseph Gahlen, who operates a flour mill at Le Mars, Iowa; Melchior, who is brew master of the Bosch Brewery in Lake Linden; and Michael J., of this sketch.

Mr. Kemp was educated in the public schools of Port Washington, and Bryant & Strattons Business College at Chicago, Illinois. After completing his education he removed to Lake Linden and entered the employ of Joseph Bosch as assistant bookkeeper in the Bosch Brewery at Lake Linden. In 1894 he moved to Calumet and took charge of the Bosch plant and still acts in that capacity. While living in Red Jacket he served two terms as a member of the Council and during this time was instrumental in the building of the Red Jacket Opera House, which cost \$65,000.

Fraternally Mr. Kemp is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Religiously, like his parents, he is an attached member of the Catholic Church.

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#### NELS P. FLODIN.

NELS P. FLODIN,\* foreman of the Lake Shore Engine Works of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, is a most worthy representative of a country which has contributed to the Northern Peninsula of Michigan many

of its best citizens. Mr. Flodin was born in Sweden in 1863, and is a son of Peter Flodin, who is a farmer in the vicinity of Wermlan, Sweden.

Mr. Flodin received a good common school education in his native land and then served an apprenticeship at Stockholm, to the pattern maker's trade. In 1883 he came to America and after settling at Duluth, Minnesota, began contracting and building and was thus engaged for four years and then was secured by the firm of D. H. Merritt, of that city, as pattern maker. In 1891 he removed to Marquette with the Lake Shore Engine Works and has been foreman since 1892. Mr. Flodin is a very capable man in his line of work, and is very highly regarded by the officials of the company. Since locating at Marquette he has taken an interest in the city, and has made a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

In 1897 Mr. Flodin married Mrs. Mary Brasegerdel, widow of William Brasegerdel, and mother of one son, Earl Brasegerdel, aged 15 years. Mr. and Mrs. Flodin have one son, Franklin Albee, who was born January 15, 1903. In political views Mr. Flodin is a Republican. Fraternally he belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and Swedish Crown. Religiously he is connected with the Swedish Lutheran Church.



### GEN. FRANK B. LYON.

GEN. FRANK B. LYON,\* ex-member of the State Legislature, and a prominent military officer and organizer, residing at Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan, was born in 1859, in Douglas County, Illinois, and has been a resident of Houghton County since 1875. He is a son of Samuel Lyon, who formerly was a prosperous merchant in Illinois, and died while our subject was a lad. Samuel Lyon was a prominent politician of his section and was a friend and very often the host of Abraham Lincoln in the days when the great Emancipator was traveling the circuit from one court to the other. Our subject has three brothers: C. E., of Detroit; and F. M. and L. C., both of Calumet.

After locating in Calumet, our subject entered the hardware store of his brother, C. E. Lyon, whom he succeeded in the business in 1890, having had main charge of it since 1879. The store at No. 1101 Calumet avenue is a landmark in the town, and General Lyon continued in business there until he disposed of it in January, 1903. He has been a leading factor in the Republican party in his section, and served most acceptably in the State Legislature in 1892-93. He was one of the organizers of the Calumet Light Guards in 1880, and served with the company until 1888, when he was elected major and, later, lieutenant-colonel of the Third Regiment, Michigan National Guards. When the Fifth Regiment was formed in 1890, he was elected the first colonel of the same and served six years, during which time the regiment was on duty in the troubles in the iron regions at Ishpeming and vicinity. In 1896 he was advanced to the rank of brigadier-general and served as such, in command of the Michigan brigade for two years. General Lyon is identified with many of the various enterprises of the Northern Peninsula of Michigan and the West, and is a man of large means, influence and striking personality.

General Lyon was married to a daughter of William Van Orden, of New York City, and he has two daughters, the elder now attending college. He is a member of the Congregational Church and has been chairman of its board of trustees. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to the blue lodge, chapter and Montrose Commandery, K. T., of Calumet.

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### BARNEY SCHOMMER.

BARNEY SCHOMMER,\* a highly esteemed farmer of Houghton County, Michigan, residing on his farm near Hancock, where he also keeps a hotel, was born in Wisconsin in 1853, and is a son of Lambert and Katherine (Wagner) Schommer.

Lambert Schommer was born in the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg. He was a carpenter and followed that trade as the means of securing his livelihood.

As a staunch member of the Democratic party, he was honored by being elected township treasurer and assessor, in which offices he served before the war. He was a veteran of the Civil War, being a member of the 24th Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf. He died in 1896, at the age of 68 years. His wife, Katherine (Wagner) Schommer, was born in the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, and died when her son Barney was 13 years of age. There were eight children in the parental family, of whom four are now living.

Barney Schommer first engaged in farming in 1883 and has continued in that occupation with successful results up to the present time; also running a hotel of late years. He was married in 1875 to Susan Miller. They are communicants of the Catholic Church, as were his parents. Mr. Schommer is a Turner.

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### JOSEPH CROZE.

JOSEPH CROZE,\* who has been a resident of Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, since 1869, owns and operates numerous tugs and tow-boats, and conducts an extensive coal and wood business, his yards being located near his docks at Houghton. He has made an unqualified success of this business, which he has followed continuously since 1875, and is today one of the substantial men of the county.

Joseph Croze was born in Montreal, Canada, in 1851, his parents being Canadians of French descent. His father, who was a farmer by occupation, is now deceased, as is also our subject's mother. A brother of Joseph, Ludger, was in the former's employ at Houghton as bookkeeper and clerk, until his death. Another brother, Eitel, came to Houghton as early as 1857 and worked as a miner.

Joseph Croze was reared and educated at Montreal, and removed to Houghton at the age of 18 years. He engaged with the firm of Smith & Harris as clerk in their store, and remained with them until 1877. He was wholly without means when he became a resident of Houghton County, but

in a few years time laid by enough money to enable him to buy a tug in 1875. This was the nucleus of his present business, which has been greatly increased. He now has three tugs and several scows, operating on Lake Superior and the canals, towing wood, lumber, stone, logs, etc. In addition he is engaged in the coal and wood business, these branches requiring his entire attention. He has a small dry dock for repairing vessels, and in all employs some 15 men, oftentimes more. His business has always been prosperous, and Mr. Croze is in a comfortable financial position, owning considerable real estate, lands and business properties in Houghton and adjoining counties, all the result of his own well directed industry.

Mr. Croze was joined in marriage with Miss Sullivan, a native of Ireland, who came to this country when a child. They have the following children: W. W. J., who was educated at the Michigan College of Mines at Houghton and has for several years been with the United Steel Corporation under Prof. Shultze, of New York; L. L., an attorney-at-law and insurance man, who received his education in Houghton High School, Michigan College of Mines, and in law schools of Montreal and Chicago, finishing his legal education in the latter city; Joseph H., who holds a position as book-keeper for a large business house of Denver, Colorado; John M., a veteran of the Spanish-American War, who is now living at home in Houghton; and Albert, who is in the office with his father. Mr. Croze is a Republican in politics, and has served as councilman and as president of the village. Fraternally, he is a member of the Order of United Workmen of Houghton. He and his family are members of St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Church.



### JOHN HENRY JACOBS.

JOHN HENRY JACOBS,\* probably the best-known man in the Northern Peninsula of Michigan in connection with the opening of quarries and the distribution of the famous Marquette brownstone, and the Portage Entry

red sandstone, is an esteemed resident of Marquette. He was born in Lorain County, Ohio, in 1848, and is a son of John and Rachel (Neipfoot) Jacobs, both natives of Saxony, Germany.

John Jacobs was born October 4, 1802, and died at the age of 85 years at Amherst, Ohio, where his remains were interred. The family is noted for its longevity, the paternal grandfather living to the age of 102, and several sons of his reaching the ages of 96 and even 100 years. Our subject's mother was born in 1804 and died in March, 1870, at Amherst, Ohio. Her father was Henry Neipfoot, who lived to the age of 95 years, and his wife to the age of 82 years. John Jacobs brought considerable capital with him when he came to the United States, and on June 5, 1830, located on a farm in Lorain County, Ohio, the homestead still being owned by the family. His first purchase of 40 acres was in Black River (now Lorain) township, and his youngest son now owns that farm.

John Henry Jacobs is the sixth member of a family of nine children born to his parents, all of whom survive, and are as follows: Mrs. Rachel Froney, of Carlton, Wisconsin; Elizabeth, who is the widow of Joseph Goodrich and resides at Amherst, Ohio; Mrs. Melissa Tilden, who is a widow and resides at Elyria, Ohio; Mrs. Katherine C. Fredericks, of Ohio; Carrie C., who has been a member of our subject's home for the past 33 years; John Henry, our subject; Charles, who resides on a farm adjoining the old homestead in Ohio; Sarah M., who is the widow of Marion E. Wood, of Ohio; and Frank, who lives on the old homestead.

Our subject attended the little red school house near the Cleveland Stone Company's quarries in Amherst township, which still stands as a relic of early educational ambitions in that locality and serves as a residence. After removing to Marquette, Mr. Jacobs returned to Ohio for two winters' study at Oberlin College, completing a commercial course and paying his own way. He may be said to have been in the stone quarry business for 44 years, ever since he was 11 years old, when he began work at 25 cents a day for "Bill" Jones, near his home.

Mr. Jacobs arrived at Marquette, Michigan, on May 3, 1870, coming to open the Marquette brownstone quarry. The first quarry he opened was

located at South Marquette and was first called the Wolf & Company quarry and was later known as the Marquette Brownstone Company quarry. He shipped the first block stone from Lake Superior, via the "Soo," to Chicago, on the steamer "Ontonagon" and has been, the most of the time ever since, engaged in successfully conducting the immense business in this line. Mr. Jacobs opened next the Wolf, Jacobs & Company quarry, opposite to the first one and this was operated almost continuously until 1891, the name of the company being changed in 1887 to Furst, Jacobs & Company. In 1883 he opened the Portage Entry redstone quarry and in 1891 he disposed of his interests in the firm of Furst, Jacobs & Company, and opened up the Kerber-Jacobs Redstone Company quarry in 1892-93, at Jacobsville, Houghton County, and continued connected with this company until 1898. From that year to 1900 he was out of business, engaged in looking over other fields of activity in various lines, but on January 1, 1901, he took back the old Furst, Jacobs & Company quarry, the lease having expired, and operated the same until December, 1902, since which time he has been engaged in real estate and other interests.

Mr. Jacobs has been the active manager of the companies which have supplied the building stone for many of the most stately and substantial buildings over the whole United States, and has furnished the material for all the churches and all but one of the large business blocks of Marquette. He has had in his employ and under his direct supervision as many as 561 men. Conspicuous among the many buildings thus furnished is that of the Dr. McKenzie Bank, at Liverpool, England. Mr. Jacobs owned several steamers and tow-barges plying on the lakes, and he was able to ship the stone in blocks weighing from six to 14 tons each. Some of the buildings erected with the products of his quarries are: the Hammond Building in Detroit, Michigan; the Society Savings Bank Building at Cleveland, Ohio, the finest in the State; the Arsenal and Army Building in New York City; the Masonic Temple at Buffalo, New York; the First National Bank, formerly known as the Lottery Bank Building, at New Orleans; the Court House at Laporte, Indiana; the Waldorf-Astoria of New York City; the City Hall and several other large buildings at Kansas City, Missouri; the city Hall at Omaha, Ne-



braska; the Germania Life Insurance, the German Bank, the Germania Fire & Marine Insurance, the Manhattan, the Globe, the Soo and the Ryan buildings of St. Paul, Minnesota; the Lumbermen's and other buildings at Minneapolis; the New York Life Insurance Building at Montreal; the Royal Canadian Insurance Company Building at Toronto; several large buildings at Sioux City, Iowa; the Casino, Commerce, Majestic, Board of Trade, the Post Office, the Smith and the High School buildings of Duluth; several at West Superior, and also many large buildings in St. Louis, Vicksburg, Memphis, Jacksonville, Hot Springs and other Southern cities.

On December 9, 1872, in Chicago, Mr. Jacobs married Mary Wolf, who was born in that city and is a daughter of the late Peter Wolf and wife, old settlers of the Windy City. Peter Wolf was born in December, 1819, and died in March, 1902. He was a cut-stone contractor, introduced the first brownstone into Chicago, and was associated with Mr. Jacobs in operating the quarries on Lake Superior. He came to America from Rehlingen, Rhinebreison, Germany, and located in Chicago in 1847, and for eight years prior to his death is said to have been the oldest German settler in the city. His wife and he celebrated their golden wedding on November 5, 1894, and her death took place August 27, 1901. Five children were born to them, the eldest, Michael W., dying at the age of one year when they located at Chicago. The others are: Mrs. Jacobs; Annie L., living single in Chicago; John P., of Chicago; and Clara, wife of John C. Schwartz, of Chicago.

The five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs were: Anna Laura; Albert B., who after graduating from the Marquette High School spent two years in a commercial college and is connected with the Peninsula Wholesale Grocery Company of Houghton; Ella Melissa; and Lawrence J. and his twin brother, Clarence, who were born in 1880. The latter died at the age of eight years and the former is connected with the E. L. Kellam Wholesale Grocery Company of Marquette.

Mr. Jacobs is a member of General Loomis' staff in the Michigan National Guards and was the only representative from the Northern Peninsula at Saginaw in 1903. In politics he is a Republican and cast his first vote for President Lincoln. In the spring of 1865 he enlisted in the 128th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., but was too late to see actual service. During 1895-96 he

served as mayor of Marquette. Fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias of the Uniform Rank, and has served in all the chairs except that of Chancellor. He belongs also to the Elks and is a charter member of Lodge No. 405 of Marquette. With his family he is connected with the Presbyterian Church.

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REV. ANTOINE J. REZEK.

REV. ANTOINE J. REZEK,\* pastor of St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Church, at Houghton, Houghton County, Michigan, was born in Krasne, Austria, February 9, 1867, and is a son of John and Catharine Rezek, who were sturdy, farming people, living on their own family estate, where the grandfather of our subject died at 93 years. One of John Rezek's sons is a professor in the gymnasium at Larbach, Austria, and another, Peter Rezek, is a parish priest who was decorated in 1900 by the Emperor of Austria with a cross. Our subject's parents are both living in the old home, besides two uncles.

Antoine J. Rezek was very thoroughly educated in his own land, completing the study of the classics at Krasne and spending two years at the university at Grotz and completing his education at St. Jerome's College in Ontario, Canada, after coming to America in 1886. Through the influence of Bishop Vertin, who ordained him in 1890, he came to Michigan and his first pastoral work was as assistant priest at St. John's in Menominee, Michigan; three months later he was sent to Mackinac Island to be pastor of St. Anne's Church and after eight months there returned to Menominee as assistant priest. From there he went to Gladstone, Michigan, and thence to Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, where he met with hard and trying conditions, the people being poor and a congregation of 140 families having decreased to but 50. There Father Rezek worked faithfully for three years and was able to make a great improvement not only in the spiritual condition of the parish, but in the numerical and financial. Eight years ago he was appointed to his present station as pastor of St. Ignatius Church at

Houghton. He found a congregation of 200 families and an old church building which had served since the establishment of the parish in 1859. Since locating in Houghton, Father Rezek has built the fine new stone church, which was five years in building, and one at Atlantic Mine, Houghton County, Michigan, and also a convent, and has increased the congregation to 350 families, which is about equally divided between German, French and Irish nationalities. In the convent school there are five teachers and one music teacher, and 200 pupils are in attendance. This great amount of work has been quietly but thoroughly accomplished by Father Rezek, who is very favorably regarded by his superiors and most tenderly cherished by his congregation. He is a man of superior learning and exemplary Christian life.

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